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John Mullin

COTLAND Yard yesterday claimed its bigest ever success in preventing an imminent IRA attack after officers raided two addresses in London, foiling a plan to explode a huge bomb within hours. Officers believe there would have

been "grave loss of life".

two south London addresses Maps and other documents indicating potential targets. were also recovered.

The search was continuing last night for explosives. John Grieve, commander of Scotland Yard's Anti-Terrorist Branch, was hopeful that Semtex, the high explosive favoured by the IRA, would be found. He hailed the police op-

The breakthrough could hardly have come at a better Seven men were arrested time for John Major. Pilloried under the Prevention of over the Orangemen's stand-Terrorism Act, and 36 of the off at Drumcree, County Arlatest timer-power units for magh, and the violence which detonating bombs seized, at followed, he saw the peace

process further devasted with the Enriskillen hotel bomb-ing. His band with an increasment is now strengthened Commander Grieve refused to give details of the planned attack. Nor would be say why he was convinced it would have taken place within hours, and have led to deaths. You will be able to hear the evidence in due course. Commander Grieve

likely targets. Pressed, he said: That means gas, power. water. I am not prepared to elaborate any further." Police also believe major transport intersections were at risk. After the IRA ended its 17month ceasefire with the Lon-don Docklands bomb in February, the terrorists have hit the West End of London, Man-chester and Osnabruck barracks in Germany in seven



Commander Grieve shows items seized in the raids

Devices attached to Hammersmith Bridge in April contained 20lbs of Semtex, the largest amount of high explo-

The attack foiled yesterday was to be another attempt at a spectacular, with one possible target the National Grid head-

the first move, announcing an independent commission to deal with the marching sea-

Commander Grieve said the police mission nailed the lie that there were difficulties in the relationships among the separate bodies fighting terrorism. The anti-terrorist branch co-ordinated the raids, with close co-operation from the Metropolitan Police firearms unit. Special Branch and MIS.

The role of MI3 is thought to have been crucial. With the timing of the police raids vital, there was strong speculation an informer from within the IRA was key. In an departure from his usual conservative approach,

struggle against Irish Republican Army terrorism. I be-lieve we were only a few hours away from grave loss of life and serious disruption to the IRA attack on Osnabruck. ways of life in the capital and South-east." He believed the foiled mainland attack was

does suggest there were a series of attacks planned." Armed police raided a house in Woodbury Street. Tooting, at 2.30 am yesterday,

They fired CS gas cannisters into the house before storm ing it and arresting four mer A neighbour, Chris Butler, said in seven months be had never seen a light on there. Then at Lugard Road in

yesterday's coup buys the government some time to get the process back on track. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, made significant success in our those arrested were from

to say if Scots-born Michael Dickson, aged 31, the former British soldier wanted over was among them. It was the second time the police had discovered a bomb

only the first of several factory in the capital since planned. "We counted 36 the IRA resumed its camtimer-power units[which] paign. After 21-year-old Edward O'Brien accidentally blew himself up on a bus at the Aldwych, central London, in February, they found Sem-tex, detonators and timers at his home in Lewisham, south

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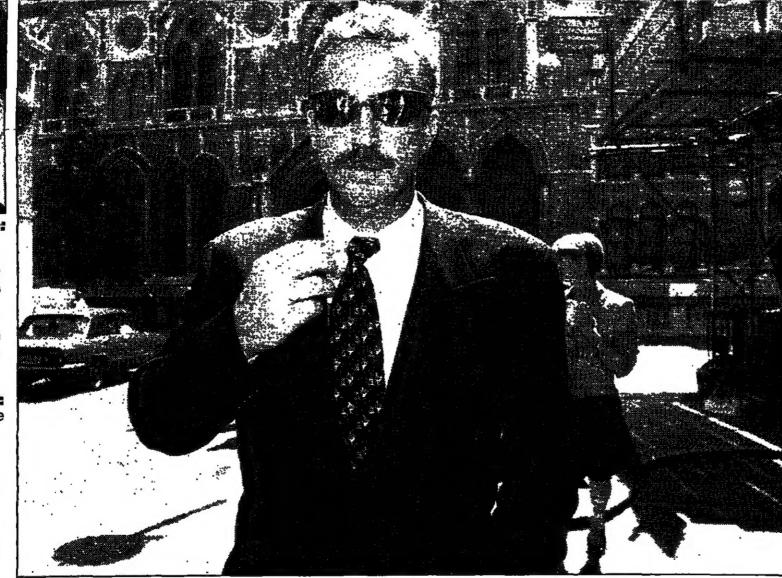
Former Test stars bring libel case after being called 'racist, uneducated and lacking class'



Botham on Imran: "To be called racistwhich is one thing i have fought against for most of my life - and to be called a cheat is something I take great offence to. I don't quite understand what class has to do with it."

Imran on Botham:

"The rational side in the controversy-Tony Lewis, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Derek Pringle are all educated Oxbridge types. Look at the others - Lamb, Botham, Truman, The difference in class and upbringing makes a difference."



Ian Botham outside the High Court where he explained yesterday why he felt 'blinding anger' at accusations by Imran, above left

Botham and Lamb hit out at Imran's hat-trick of insults

Ruaridh Nicoli

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EMIMA and Imran Khan were looking beid hands under the table or flicked through a coffee table hook charting Mike Atherton's career. A few yards away lan Botham was sounding aggrieved. Pointing out that Viv Richards was godfather to one of his children, he was defending himself against Imran's claim that he was a racist. "I like to think I could touch down any-where in the world and

knock on someone's door

and, whatever creed or na-

tionality, they would be

pleased to see me," he said.

stars are beginning to age — Botham's moustache turning grey and Imran developing a hald spot — court 13 of the Royal Courts of Justice, rather propriate place to do battle.

Alian Lamb, or Lambie as Botham referred to him, is also involved in the alleged libel being heard before Mr Justice French.

Botham and Lambie's law-yer, Charles Gray, explained the case to the jury. He said Imran launched an "offen-sive personal attack" on the two. "Firstly, he called them racists," he said. "Secondly, he called them uneducated And thirdly, he accused them of lacking class and Because both cricket upbringing."

Botham was appalled. Imran had replied in an "I've come to this court because I was very proud of what I achieved in sport Mr Gray, quoting from and to be called racist which is one thing I have fought against for most of my life — and to be called a cheat is something I take

"I don't quite understand what class has to do with it. The sacrifices my parents made for me to make it possible for me to achieve what I wanted to achieve in sport have numerous,"

Mr Gray explained that it had all begun in an authorised biography of Iniran when the Pakistani admitted to tampering with a cricket ball. Botham reacted with disgust and

magazine.
Mr Gray, quoting from the magazine, sald the in-terviewer had asked what

Yesterday both Botham and Lamb displayed nothing but good manners; nei-ther picked their noses or the motive for Botham's attack had been and Imran had replied with venom: scratched unsavory parts of their bodies. Clothing, however, might There is a lot of racism here."

provide a clue. While Im-ran wore a dashing black suit that matched his raven Imran, a member of the warrior caste in Pakistan, then brought class into it. "Look at the people who have taken the rational side hair and Jemima sported a luminous blue kameez that flowed over her pregnancy, in the controversy --- Tony Lewis, Christopher Martin both Lambie and Botham Jenkins and Derek Pringle. "They are all educated Ox-bridge types. Look at the managed to look like extras Mr Gray said Imran is others - Lamb, Botham, also being sued because of a Truman. The difference in class and upbringing makes comment he made to The

Botham left secondary modern school when he was 15 while Imran attended Oxford.

Yesterday both Botham and Lamb displayed woth.

get. Mr Gray quoteu mm as saying. The lawyer pointed out that Botham, who took 383 wickets in his Test career, was certainly one of the greatest bowlers in English

As Mr Gray continued to examine Botham, and the player told of his "blinding anger" at Imran's attack, the day drifted to a close. The players wandered

out into the sea of cameramen on the Strand. According to Mr Gray, all Botham and Lambie had wanted was a retraction and an apology. not 10 days in "The biggest names of court.

Inside

The EU was on the brink of open trade warfare with the US as it prepared to to retaliate in a row over company sanctions on Cuba.

World News Campaigning in

Bosnia's elections was suspended amid new threats to western forces and fresh pressure to oust Serb leaders.

Finance Siemens and Hyundai

said they might delay or scale back inward investment projects because of a semiconductor production glut.

a difference.

England may soon be forced by its own players to find a compromise solution to the dispute over

the Five Nations

Championship.

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Murdoch saves £600m in taxes

Lisa Buckingham

UPERT Murdoch's News Corporation is astimated to have saved more than £600 million in the past five years by exploiting legitimate tax loopholes

But heavy investment in a number of television projects - which helps to keep the the corporate ratings group, Standard & Poor's, to down poration's earnings outlook. S&P is concerned that News Corporation's cash flow will be hit for the next four years by its commitments to projects such as the joint ven-ture with Kirch to develop digital pay-TV in Germany, which will only produce prof-

its in the longer term. Shares in News Corpora-tion dipped yesterday on the rebuff from S&P. although dictions that Mr Murdoch's global media empire will pext month report profits of about £795 million for the year to

City analysts point out that one advantage of News Corpo-ration's heavy investment in maintain an extraordinarily low tax charge. But long-term projects absorb the group's cash and lessen its ability to repay debt, which tops £4.5

The downgrading of News Corporation's profits outlook is based on worries that interest payments will be less easily covered by the group, par-ticularly if, as some analysts predict. News Corporation is forced to accept higher tax payments. Revenue authorities around the world have been attempting to clamp down on the legitimate use of tax loopholes by multinationals.

the fall was lessened by pre- Notebook, page 11



Sketch

Purple Trimble unites the House



Simon Hoggart

R PATRICK Maybew Made a statement on Northern Ireland. No doubt some predecessor used to make statements every month or so about the Hun-dred Years War. "Violent panifestations of antagonism have occurred . . . democratic process of paramount impor-

tance.... people of England and France united in their yearning for peace." Nonsense. The people of Northern Ireland are united in their yearning for victory, against each other. Peace is neither here nor there. If they vanted peace, they could have had it 28 years ago. The most-polled electorate in the United Kingdom has never once

voted for reconciliation. Sir Patrick was in his more in-sorrow-than-in-anger-mode. You can tell because he enunciates each word very firmly and very slowly and quite separately.
"At that time. And in those

circumstances.
"The Chief Constable.
"had.

"and retains.

"full support.
"of the Government." This was a calm, a soothed and soothing Secretary of State, quite unlike the vexed bunny we heard at the week-end. (And who can blame him seach's behaviour has been disgraceful. The Irish have spent decades demanding, as of right, a job as linesman in this contest. But as soon as they don't agree with the refer ee, they're back in the stands screaming: "get yer bleeding eyes tested, Ref!" and casting spersions on his parentage.) However, neither John Bru

ton nor Sir Patrick were under attack in the House (except from Mo Mowiem, Labour's spokesperson, who was ever so faintly critical of the May-The only person everyone

st leader, David Trimble. Mr Trimble sat with his face brick

agreed we were permitted to despise was the Ulster Union-

assment, but it was more likely the result of marching in the sun for too long over the weekend. The Unionist leader claims never to have owned a bowler hat. They do look silly, but they stop the face peeling.

Mr Trimble was attacked by everyone. Ms Mowlam said that the Unionists had not been encouraged to abide by the rule of law by constitutional politicians. Sir David Steel said it was time that poli-ticians showed a higher stan-dard of leadership than saying. "Here is a crowd. I must follow it." Mr Trimble's face went

from red to puce, and might have hit Damson Royale on the Dulux colour-match guide except that the blood supply in his capillaries dried up.

He sat tapping his knee, rhythmically, now and again shouting something angry to his right. At least he was there. The SOLP and Ian Patsley's DUP were nowhere to be

Mr Trimble's contribution was to suggest that the Anglo-Irish agreement was part of the problem, rather than the solution. (He was wrong. The agreements are often fine. It is the people who make them who are of no use.)

Tony Benn made one of those wonderfully Bennish remarks in which a tiny ker nel of fact is, like breakfast cereal, puffed full of air, coated with sugar, and turned into something which may look appetising but contains no mental nutrition at all.

He averred, with apparent optimism, that there was a land between both communities. Neither of them trusted the British Government. This is true. In the same

way, 50 years ago at the Somme both sides would pro ably have agreed that there was no point in getting the government of Tonga in to mediate. But it didn't solve

Mr Benn suggested an international force to keep order — as if in some mysterious way both sides could unite in throwing petrol bombs at American or Kenyan



Sultan Hassanat Bolkiah of Brunei at the parade forming part of his 50th hirthday celebrations

vised him to start the war in Chechenia, with the radical

democrat economist Anatoly

Mr Chubais's appointment will hearten Western busi-ness investors as much as it

will dismay a wide range of Russian political interests. Mr Chubais, the man who ag-gressively masterminded pri-vatisation, is not only hated

by the Communists but has

powerful enemies among

local heads of administration

and Moscow's mayor, Yuri

Luzkhov. Mr Chubais and Mr Luzk-

hov clashed over which of the

Fifteen years after the pomp, the only party is in Brunei as Waleses' marriage ends

UDGE Gerald Angel should have a "by royal appointment" notice. In court one of the High Court's Family Division in London, the district court judge — who granted the divorces of the Duke and Duchess of York, the Princess Royal and Mark Philips, and Camilla and Andrew Powler Bowles Andrew Parker Bowles yesterday effectively ended the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales. Just after 10.30am, in a

hearing lasting less than two minutes, he granted a decree nisi, paving the way for the legal formality of a decree absolute which will finally end their troubled marriage six weeks and one

day later.

The hearing was a far from fitting end for a marriage that began in the splendour of St Paul's

Cathedral 15 years ago.
In the drab, pale green courtroom court clerk Carole Burry solemnly read out an alphabetical list of 31 names, HRH The Princes of Wales v HRH The Princess of Wales at the bottom.

As she reached W, the 28 journalists crowded at the back of the room waited ex-pectantly, but the reading of the Waleses' names passed without a stutter.

A last chance was given to Charles and Diana and the other couples to change their minds when the judge asked the question: "Does any party or person wish to show cause against the decrees being pronounced or to be heard as to the

But it was all formality. Neither the Waleses nor any of the other divorcing couples were in court. While Diana languished in ton Palace, Charles was enjoying the lavish 50th birthday bash for the Sultan of Brunei.

There his only problem was choosing a gift for the

Western interests in Russia.

Mr Chubais is being ap-pointed both as Mr Yeltsin's

chief of staff and his top side. The news of the appointment would have delighted the Inter-

national Monetary Fund on

the day another mission arrived to monitor Russia's im-

elementation of a \$10.2 billion

(£6.8 billion) loan.

Hassanal Bolkiah. He opted for a walking stick and an ornamental silver box. with a little water colour painting inlaid into the lid. In marked contrast to the don, the party was a star-studded occasion, with Michael Jackson — the Sul-

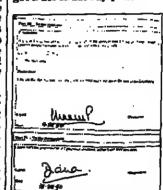
tan's favourite pop star among the dozens of VIPs.

Celebrations kicked off with an hour-long military parade in a stadium next to a gold-domed mosque in the centre of the town, watched by the government offi-cials, diplomats and the Sultan's overseas guests. Dressed in a traditional Malay costume of shining gold — a loose satin suit with a wide sash tied around the waste and a scabbard — the Sultan ar-rived in a black Rolls-Royce

After the party, Charles flew to Borneo's rain forests in a private helicopter to visit a nature project.

Back to court one, Robin west, the court manager, described the hearing as "to all intents and pur-Where 15 years ago there had been street parties for the royal wedding, Londoners simply appeared

"It's about time they sorted it out," said Colin Lacey, a clerk in a nearby office. "Now we'll maybe



comed by leading members of the liberal Yabloko party.

whose leader, Grigory Yav-

linski could be offered the

post of deputy prime minister in charge of economic reform.

were dismayed. Vladimir Zhirinovksy, head of the Lib-eral Democratic Party, said: "Chubais must be put on trial

But extreme nationalists

Book review

A forensic look behind blue eyes

Sam Wollaston Behind Blue Eyes: A life of Pete Townshend

Geoffrey Giuliano

HERE is a lot of Peter Townshend about at the moment. Tommy's on stage in London: a re-mastered Quadrophenia has just come out on CD; the Who came back, yet again, in Hyde Park last month; even the scooter seems to be making a comeback. And now a book. Not bad for a 51year-old who is constantly reminded that he once wrote:

"I hope I die before I get old." Pete Townshend's childhood was made unhappy by his mother's affairs, living with a mad grandmother, and ridicule and rejection at school — themes that would later crop up in the story of his unhappy creation, Tommy. Townshend sought — and gained — acceptance through the guitar, and at the foot of a staircase of Acton grammar school one Roger Daltrey eventually asked: "Want to join my band?" Townshend's tempestuous

relationship with Daltrey is what keeps this book ticking. There is an enormous amount of jealous rivalry between Daltrey — working class, cocky, pretty, successful with women, and Townshend arty and insecure. Sometimes this would boil over into vio-lence but usually it would just come to back-stabbing and slagging each other off to the press. Both took turns in the Who's driving seat.

For a generation which existed for breaking all the rules, the Who were a perfect outlet for suppressed aggression.

Eriend Clouston

SIAMESE twins whose con-dition was not detected

until 24 hours before delivery

at a Glasgow hospital died

yesterday.
The five-day-old girls with a

shared heart and liver had no

chance of surviving the 50,000-1 abnormality, doctors

cheeks bulging with amphet-amines, their instrumentamines, their instruments mashing stage antics made up for any lack of musicianship. Their posh, Bach-loving manager, Kit Lambert, realised the power of marketing and encouraged had behaviour "Sweet music mitter." iour. "Smash your guitar, the Daily Mail's here. We can afford it," he yelled to Town-

shend from the side. Townshend and the Who followed the well-worn rock 'n' roll path through money, yachts and Berkshire mansions to drugs, bad behavious in hotels and transatlantic flights, and in-built hate. Ther came the slide out of fashion, and tragedy — the death of drummer Keith Moon, of 11 kids at a concert in Cincin-

nati, and of Kit Lambert. There are two Pete Townshends. One, the creative force behind the Who, is hungry for spirituality and a keen fo lower of Parsi master Meher Baba. This one ages gracefully. He becomes a patron of charities, an anti-drugs crusader; he writes fiction, has tea with Ted Hughes. The other Pete Townshend tears up fivers to faunt poor friends, his stories change from one telling to another. He is acer-bic and sarcastic, with an ego

to match the size of his nose. Behind Blue Eyes is mainly about the first, the good Pete Townshend. The second is more implied. Geoffrey Giu-liano has researched this book with forensic attention to detail. There is a little of the over-writing and cliche you expect with rock writing, but it is an honest account of an

maternity hospital conceded. Other organs, including the kidneys and bowel, were also

A hospital spokesman said the baby girls, who have been named died in their parents'

arms after they were taken off

The mother's doctors first

interesting man. Published by Hodder & Stoughton, £16.99.

Gore fumes as Yeltsin stands him up

Chubais.

Cancellation of Kremlin talks fuel | postponed until tomorrow."
When a reporter saked him to elaborate, he snapped: "I fears about president's health Since June 26, Mr Yeltsin has appeared only on television, before cameras which his officials directly control. Even so, he looked pale and spoke with difficulty at his

ORIS YELTSIN yes-terday abruptly can-celled an appoint-ment with the American vice-president, Al Gore, and announced he was taking an immediate rest in a sanatorium outside Moscow for two weeks.

The postponement enraged

Mr Gore and again put a serious question mark over the Russian president's health and reliability as the leader of a highly volatile country whose stability is crucial to the West. The announcement came only an hour before the sched-

uled meeting at the Kremlin. Mr Gore tersely informed reporters that the talks were being rescheduled for today. The president's spokesman The president's spokesman. Sergei Medvedev, was quick to offer the familiar official reassurances about Mr Yeltsin's health. "He is tired, really very tired... He is not ill," Mr Medvedev said.

Mr Yeltsin has not appare

peared in public for nearly The official explanation was, as usual, implausible. Mr Medvedev maintained that the president had de-cided to go "on holiday", and a local sanatorium in Barvikha would be a better place to rest than Sochi, on the

list of sporting activities that Mr Yeltsin, aged 65 and the victim of two heart attacks, would undertake - swimming, tennis and hunting. But US officials were puz-zled why Mr Gore was given no word of this change of

plan, when he dined with the Russian prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, on Sunday Making little attempt to disguise his anger, Mr Gore said at the start of talks with Mr

Chernomyrdin: "I learned this morning that it [the meet-ing with Yeltsin] would be

istration is far from over. Yesterday he announced he was replacing his hardline chief of administration. Nikolai Ye-gorov, one of those who ad-nady Zyuganov, has de-

Six years of excuses from the president's men Summer 1990: After falling October 1994: After failing to

off a bridge into a lake near Moscow, Boris Yeltsin claims

February 1994: After the postponement of a state of the Kostikov, the presidential press spokesman, says: "Polit-ical speculation based on fantasies and bad feeling about Boris Nikolayevich's health are extremely anti-patriotic.

April 1994: Yeltsin says: "I would wish everybody could have such health at my age . . a man who plays tennis with professionals an hour and a half, swims in the Black Sea at a temperature of plus four, He then ran through a long and works 16-18 hours a day."

emerge from his plane to meet Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, at Shannon

July 1995: After his first heart attack, doctors report: "The state of the president's health permits him to conserve the physical activity and working capacity corre-sponding to his age."

airport, Yeltsin says: "I over-

slept. I'll beat the men respon-sible for not waking me up."

just gave you my comment.'

most recent appearance last week to present his new secu-

rity chief, General Alexander Lebed, at a security council

meeting. His decision to stay close to

Moscow is a sign that the power struggle in his admin-

October 1995: After Yeltsin's Tarpishev, the sports minister, says of Yeltsin's top aide and bodyguard: "If Korzhakov plays tennis [before seeing the president in hospital], it means that the state of health of the president is satisfactory."

July 1, 1996: When Yeltsin fails to record a pre-election address, a member of his cam-paign team says: "Yeltsin has simply lost his voice."

Jaly 3, 1996: After Yeltsin fails to appear at his usual voi ing station, state TV announces: "Like many other Muscovites, the president voted outside town today.

July 15, 1996: When Yeltsin stands up the US vice-presi-dent, Al Gore, a spokesman announces the president is to take two week's "holiday" in sanatorium outside Moscow: really very tired, and he just needs a good, proper rest."

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Establishment solicitors oust their maverick president regulatory body and hand its trade union role over to the newly formed Solicitors

Clare Dyer Legal Correspondent

HE most turbulent year in the Law Society's 150-year history ended last night when its maverick president, Mar-tin Mears, was narrowly de-feated in his unprecedented campaign for a second term.

The council and officials of the solicitors' professional body — now back in the hands of a long-standing council member — breathed a collective sigh of relief. But they have been left to count the cost of a year which many

believe has severely damaged he society's standing. Tony Girling, a council suspected she was too large member for 16 years, won lenge they will face is a mo-last Wednesday, a month with 15.911 voies against Mr lion at the annual meeting on Mears's 14.239, with a third Thursday to change the bye turn the society into a purely nation zealots".

candidate, Anthony Bogan, polling 1,287. Mr Mears's coup in winning election as an outsider last year starkly exposed the alienation High Street solici-tors feel towards a body they see as remote and unconcerned with their problems Mr Mears said last night: "I am pleased the Law Society has acquired the habit of open elections and I expect to be

president again in July 1997." The new leaders - Mr Girl ing, vice-president Phillip Sycamore and deputy vice-president Michael Mathews — will need to build bridges with solicitors in small firms who have borne the brunt of the recession. The first chal-

Association. Both motions are supported by Mr Bogan, though not by Mr Mears. Mr Mears grabbed his first headlines at the society's annual conference last October, when he attacked the **Equal Opportunities Commis-**

sion and the Commission for Racial Equality for funding "preposterous applications" and accused tribunals of allowing themselves to be "hi-

strong council at any time and force a general election.

A second motion would mrn the society into a women lawyers conference when he attacked "discrimi-

Martin Mears: 'I expect to be president again in 1997'

laws to allow 100 members to demand a postal vote which could oust the entire 75strong council at any time

jacked by the discrimination industry". The next few months saw an exodus among the most experienced senior staff, and in

at Glasgow's Queen Mother's from her delivery date

Scottish Siamese twins die

after five days in hospital

Lucy Manning

HE husband of Lin six-year-old daughter Megan was battered to death, spoke emotionally yesterday about the murders that had ripped apart his family.

Shaun Russell, frequently breaking down in tears, told a press confer-ence about his feelings following the death of his other daughter, nine-year-old Josephine, who sur-vived the attack, remains in hospital with severe

head injuries.
Dr Russell said his main surviving daughter: "I swing between periods of complete desolation but most of all I am thinking about Josephine. I want to get her over all of this as soon as possible so that I can get her out of hospital and back to some kind of

sephine, who has been moved from intensive care into a high dependency unit, is likely to have brain damage from the hammer attack. Her father said she was off the ventilator and improving, but was show-

ing signs of impaired mobility.

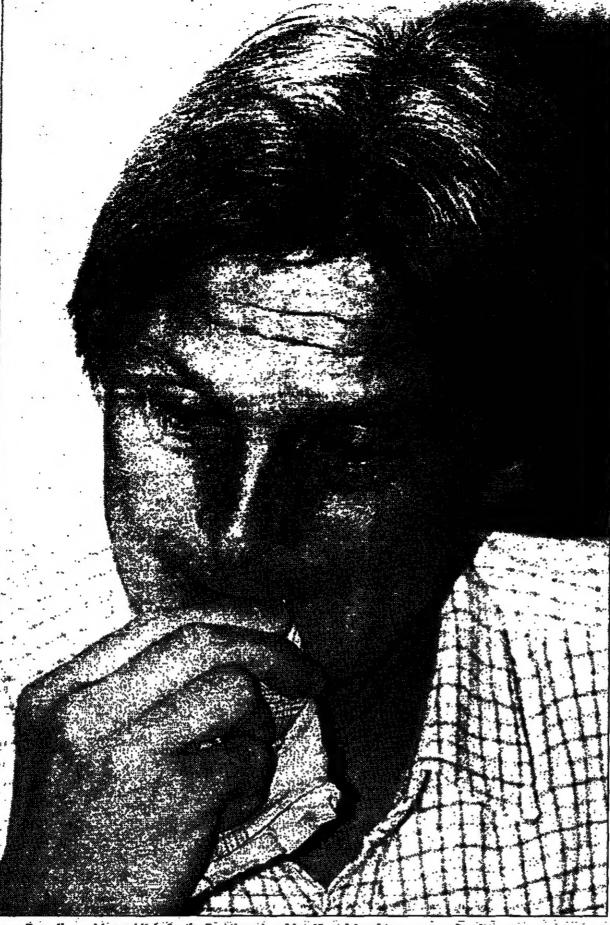
It had been hoped that she would be able to help police identify the killer, but Dr Russell said she had not been told short the not been told about the deaths. "She doesn't yet know that her mother and sister are dead. I can't bring myself to tell her. She man we are looking for; she is a very good drawer. But I don't relish the though of

having to go through that with her."

Dr. Russell appealed for who police believe is a local man who planned the attack. "I fear for the safety everybody he is near. He killed my dog as well as my wife and child," he said, and called on the attacker

to give himself up.

The best thing that that person can do for every-body's sake and even his own is to come forward. I just hope that anyone who has anything to bring for-



Shann Russell, speaking publicly for the first time since his wife and daughter were murdered

soon as possible."
In the days before the murder Dr Russell bad been collecting his children from school by car, but on

just thought about security for the first time, when in the week before the murders a plant pot had been stolen from their garden and they had decided to taken the car into work. "But Lin probably wouldn't vary their movements to deter other thefts. have taken the car any-way," he said, "because she and the girls enjoyed walk-countryside of north Wales, Lin and Megan Russell are to be buried in the

ward will tell the police as | ing so much." They had | where the family lived before moving to Kent. Clutching the hand of a police liaison officer, Dr Russell broke down as he described how much they had loved the area. "It's what Lin would have wanted, it's what Megan would have wanted and me and all my family want."

could return. "I returned to last night and the lanes and the trees and the gardens he said.

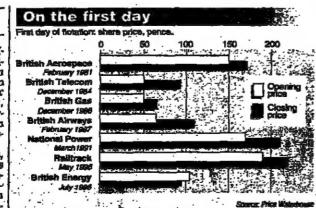
"Nothing borrid has ever

happened to our family be-fore, we have never had anything tragic touch us."

Investors burn fingers in nuclear sell-off

HE Government suffered the biggest humili-ation of its privatisation programme yesterday when shares in the nuclear power company, British Energy, slumped on their stock mar ket debut, leaving more than 600,000 small investors nurs ing losses. In 17 years of state sell-offs,

it is the first time investors have seen their shares fall immediately. Small investors — dubbed Sids after the British Gas sale in 1986 — have previously enjoyed instant and



often generous profits.

The shares — priced cautiously by the Government — saw more than 10 per cent of their value wiped out on the

three of the company's eight stations are out of action. The shares closed at 94p, having touched a low of 90p. Even small investors, who en-joyed a 5p discount on the opening price, ended the day with a loss of 6p a share. An investor with a minimum al-location of 300 would have suffered a paper loss of £18. Most electricity analysts believe the shares have further

to fall — one predicting a price as low as 70p.

Yesterday's share price of 105p is the first instalment. The balance of 98p a share, making a full price of 203p, has to be paid in September 1997 and values the company Despite British Energy's

price of 105p but immediately stock market drubbing. Ener began tumbling following dis-closures late last week that "delighted" with the sale gy Minister Tim Eggar was "delighted" with the sale. "The Sids were perfectly well aware of the technical issues. They were fully disclosed in the prospectus ... and [investors] cannot really have grounds for complaint." With Labour renewing its

attack on the sale in a Comspokesman John Battle said the Government had perse-vered in a "dash for cash" to fund tax cuts. "This is looking increasingly like a bad deal for shareholders as well as short-changing the taxpayer." Shareholders who hang on can expect a slice of a 196 million dividend pay-off, twice what British Energy expects

to make this year.

BBC chiefs defend shake-up for 'priceless asset'

'No concessions' in **World Service row**

in the end we will win it."
His view was endorsed last night by Sir Christopher Bland, the BBC's chairman, who defended the World Service as a priceless national

House, headquarters of the World Service, have argued that its international reputa-tion will be jeopardised by the

shake-up. Mr Birt said: 'People talk about it like a statue in the garden that needs preserving. It is not an appropriate image are changing and it is focus-ing on audiences in a way it has not done in the past."
Under the shake-up English

language news programmes will be commissioned by Bush House staff from the news-eathering machine, res

Opposition has been led by Mark Tully, a former foreign correspondent who four years ago accused Mr Birt of running a regime based on fear and sycophancy, and John Tusa, a former World Service managing director.
They claim the BBC is need-

the argument to the doubters and to our staff and in the end we will win it'

BBC director general

nanagement while endanger ity and expertise. Sir Christopher, delivering the opening address at the Radio Festival in Birmingham, said: "The authority of the World Service will not be

reduced ... John Birt and I have given an undertaking on that to the Foreign Office, and I and the board of governors would not agree to proposals which risked any diminution in quality." He added: "I will start off by

s an effective ambassador

Younger, managing director of World Service, would be the right programmes. It would remain a separately managed directorate, respon-sible for its own scheduling

and budgets.
"The World Service's programmes will remain distinct from those in other areas of the BBC. There is no question of it being swallowed up by some homogenising BBC

out identical programmes.

'The World Service will bave dedicated teams within BBC News providing it with specially tailored services." Today Mr Younger and Tony Hall, chief executive of BBC News, will explain how the new structure will oper-ate. Mr Tusa has been asked to give evidence to the Com-mons foreign shairs select

Sir Christopher said some people argued "if it ain't broke, don't fix it", but there

Because of cuts in Foreign Office grants the World Sertion in its operating budget for 1997/96. Sir Christopher

financial pressure than any other part of the BBC. "These changes will allow the World Service to make the most of its scarce resources. other BBC changes meant domanaging director.

He added: "I will start off by mestic network radio was stating categorically that we being downgraded at the extensive imposing a new layer of are not about to squander a pense of television.

Europe poised for trade war with US over Cuba

on the brink of open trade conflict with the United States last night as if prepared to meet threatened US sanctions against European companies trading with Cuba with retaliation of its own.

EU governments plan legis-lation to allow them to seize the assets of any American company which wins compen-sation in US courts against European firms operating in

The foreign ministers of the 15 EU countries in Brussels last night endorsed a fourpoint plan setting out possible retaliatory measures if the US Helms-Burton act leads to transatlantic trade conflict Apart from asset setzures, this also includes legal action against Washington in the World Trade Organisation. the drawing up of a "watch list" of American companies

which take legal action against EU firms, and a refusal to provide visas or work permits to US business recutives. EU trade ministers will for mally unveil the counter-

offensive in Brussels if, as expected, President Clinton decides later today not to waive the act's provision which allows US citizens or companies to sue any foreign firm which uses former American assets expropriated after the Cuban revolution. "I do not want to suggest that in any sense we face a last night. "We all have views about how best to promote democratic reform in Cuba, but the way to do it is not to clobber your allies."
The US Congress approved

the Cuban Liberty and Demo-cratic Solidarity Act, empowering the US to allow legal action in its courts against foreign firms which buy or sell property expropriated from Americans by the Cuben government. It also allows the US to forbid the entry into America of executives and

The way to promote democratic reform in Cuba is not to clobber your allies'

shareholders of any foreign companies indicted for trad-ing with Cuba.

Two British executives of a Canadian mining company, Sherrit International, have already been warned that they may be refused entry. The European Commission president, Jacques Santer, warned the EU foreign minis-

ters that, because of domestic political pressures, President Clinton was unlikely to waive any part of the act. 'It is essential that the European Union is in a position to react very swiftly," he declared. Despite the Foreign Secre-

want to act to protect the EU tary, Malcolm Rifkind, insist-against unjustified mea-ing it was "more of a rift with the United States than a cri-sioner, Sir Leon Brittan, said sis", both sides know that the conflict could escalate into allout trade war. "It is easier to start these disputes than end " said one EU official.

In Washington, the White House spokesman, Mike McCurry, dismissed EU threats, urging Europe to join "in the effort to confine Cuban Communism to the trashbin of history".
US sources signalled that

executives of three more in-ternational firms were about to be barred from the US for trading in Cuban property deemed confiscated from American citizens. They are Pernod, the French drinks giant, Sol Melia, the Spanish luxury hotel chain, and BM, an Israeli agri-business.

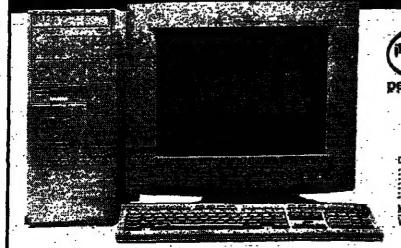
Evidence that Helms-Bur-ton is beginning to have an effect emerged too as the Radisson hotel chain broke off plans to invest in Cuba.

• Fidel Castro has his bes chance in years to break out of the diplomatic isolation imposed on Cuba, it emerged yesterday, writes John Hooper

in Rome. Italian diplomats said they expected the Cuban leader to attend the United Nations' first World Food Summit in Rome later this year, and that he could count on meetings with the Italian President, Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, and the

Pope.
The summit, between No. vember 13 and 17, is intended to focus on the issue which is central to the embargo debate the relationship between politics and nutrition.

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Ulster riots 'a setback for peace'

Michael White and David Sharrock

HE Northern Ire land Secretary. Sir Patrick Mayhew, yesterday conceded the

week's Portadown clashes.
Launching a damage limitation exercise before a sombre
House of Commons, Sir Patrick repeatedly defended the crucial decision by the Chief Constable of Northern Ire-land. Sir Hugh Annesley, to reverse his earlier decision not to let Orange Order marchers enter the mainly

Catholic Garvaghy Road.
With John Major at his side, he also announced a wide-ranging review of future management of "controver-sial parades" as well as a special inter-governmental conference under the terms of the Anglo-Irish Agreement on Thursday, at which Sir Hugh will explain his tactics. With both the SDLP and the Democratic Unionists (DUP)

absent from the House yester-day, it fell to the Official Unionist leader, David Trimble, to voice the resentment and suspicions of loyalists that the confrontation was en-gineered by nationalist forces even as he appealed to Protestant para-militaries "to maintain their ceasefire whatever the circumstances".

Sir Patrick, who echoed that plea, won ready support from Tory MPs for his insis-tence that there had been "no political interference" in Sir Hugh's operational decisions. But Labour's Northern Ireact sooner, and explicitly crit-

icised Unionist leaders — "constitutional politicians who had not encouraged their followers to obey the law".

At a press conference, Mr Trimble insisted their pres-ence in Portadown had prevented the kind of disturbances which occurred at province had suf-"worst setback for Trimble said: "To put it simmany years", as a result of ply, people feel the last two the violence arising from last week's Portadown clashes.

militant republicanism."
His colleagues later said
"ethnic cleansing" of Protestant families, churches and businesses, was under way in towns like Dungiven, Armagh City, Newtown Hamilton, Bessbrooke, Castle Wellan. White Abbey and Portadown.
In a frank admission that

law and order had been at risk. Sir Patrick told MPs the that orders made to prevent "serious organised disorder" had been overwhelmed by "a clear and reprehensible intention to over-stretch the capacity of the RUC to maintain public order".

At Drumcree, where Orange activists had been trying to break through, there had been "insidious, despicable and disgusting threats" to families of RUC officers.

"I recognise that the nationalist community, or many of them, are bitterly critical of this decision. But it was taken very much with the safety of the Garvaghy Road residents in mind." Sir Patrick said.

Meanwhile in Belfast Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein presi-Dublin to carry out an urgent reappraisal of the peace procass. "If we are to successfully rebuild a peace process which has any hope of achieving a real peace settlement then land spokeswoman, Mo Mowlam, made veiled criticisms of
the Government's failure to
act sooner, and explicitly critties involved."



Treasa McShane, centre, whose husband Dermot died after last week's riots in Londonderry, by his coffin at his funeral yesterday Photograph: MAX NASH

Derry protest victim **buried**

LONDONDERRY man who died after being struck by an army personnel carrier during the worst rions in the city for 27 to buried westerday. worst rioting in the city for 27 years was buried yesterday, writes David Sharrock.

Dermot McShane, aged 35, was run over on the second night of rioting. An RUC officer who rushed to help him was stabbed in the face.
Mr McShane died in the Alnagelvin hospital.

At the funeral, a pries Father Con McLaughlin, said: "Let us pray that no one may say or do anything that will heighten tension or lead to another life being lost."
Mr McShane's body, draped

in an Irish tricolour, was buried in the Irish National Liberation Army plot in the cemetery above the city. In 1989 he was jailed for INLA-related activities, according to its political wing, the Irish Republican Socialist Party. It said he had not been active since his release in 1991. Mr McShane's wife was supported by her eldest son as the procession wound its way

Bomb haul big boost for MI5

Anxiety for IRA if raid but is unlikely given the lengths to which IRA active service units go to avoid detection in this way.

tip-off, writes Richard Norton-Taylor

THE discovery of bombmaking equipment, said to be enough to make 36 devices, is a highly significant breakthrough for the security services, particularly if they were tipped off by an

MI5 — whose role in the operation was given special praise by Commander John Grieve, head of the Metropoli-tan Police anti-terrorist branch — has had a conspicuous lack of success in penetrating the IRA since it resumed its campaign in Brit-ain with a bomb in London Docklands in February. Later that month, police

found an IRA bomb factory in Lewisham, south London, but they were directed to it after Edward O'Brien blew himself up on a bus in Aldwych. They found 15kg of Semtex explosive. 20 timers, four detona-tors, an incendiary device and ammunition at his flat. Security sources last night

were coy about how they were coy about now the knew the whereabouts of the seven men arrested early yes-terday, preventing what they confidently described as a renewed IRA bombing cam-

Telephone-tapping is a business and public con-possible source of the tip-off fidence".

The possibility of an in former is a huge psychologi-cal as well as material blow to the IRA. It would be no less a blow if the tip-off came from carelessness on the part of the potential bombers — for example, by acting suspiciously near their targets.

The seven arrests are also significant, given the belief among the security services that there are only about 30 IRA members active in

Cmdr Grieve's disclosures that targets included gas. that targets included gas, electricity and water supplies, and that the security services had foiled a plot to cause huge disruption in London and the South-east, suggest that the operation had been planned for some time.

London's electricity aun-London's electricity supplies are mainly fed under ground. Gas and water are supplied through a network

of pumps and pipes. The last time the IRA aimed at energy supplies was in February 1993, when it blew up a gasworks in Warrington,

Cheshire. In a recent report on IRA strategy, Bradford University's department of peace studies said disrupting these sup-plies was "likely to have little more than short-term national economic impact. Its value lies more in its effect on



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Librarian claims vendetta over her Yorkshire accent

Martin Wainwright .

BRITAIN'S biggest library ager, Jean Garlick, aged 37 for her flat Northern vowels for her flat Northern vowels for her flat Northern sping and going to the law bullying campaign involving mail interception, sneers at a Yorkshire accent and drop-

ping books to shock staff.

The head of personnel at the British Library's huge complex at Boston Spa, West Yorkshire told an industrial tribunal the charges had been levelled by a discontented li-brarian whose work was reg-in her case the hostility had ularly below par. But Susan Sheldrick, aged

31, and a librarian at Boston

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Spa for 12 years, claimed at Leeds industrial tribunal she was persecuted by her man-ager, Jean Garlick, aged 37. sneezing and going to the lavatory too often.

Mrs Sheldrick, from Harrogate, told an earlier hearing life had been made unbearable in the parliamentary papers and journals section of the multi-storey archive. She said all staff found Miss Garbecome a vendetta, including the opening of her post and the dropping of piles of books on her desk to upset her. "She constantly complained to me about my Yorkshire accent on the phone," she said. "I was harassed and abused and denied any form of assistance." But the library's personnel

manager, Janice Bigland, told the tribunal yesterday Mrs Sheldrick had failed to make written complaints or to single out Miss Garlick when she claimed to have workrelated stress. Confronting Mrs Sheldrick at the hearing Mrs Bigland said: "I wasn't aware of any conflict with

The hearing continues.

Illegal networks fostering children

Nigerian parents paying British couples for care

modities by illegal networks of white foster parents across Britain, putting them at risk

of abuse and mistreatment.
Social services and adoption agencies believe up to 9,000 children have been

foster parents.
The natural parents pay the foster family, typically around £30 a week. But while most children are well cared for, social workers have found evidence of abuse.

Olayinka, a Nigerian in her early twenties, told the Guardian how the white family she paid to foster her five-month-old son in Portsmouth passed him on to another fam-ily without her knowledge, "I saw my son. I was just crying because they cut his hair, he was in a terrible position, he was crying, he had mucus running out from his nose. He wasn't looked after. He was just abandoned.

HOUSANDS of Nigerian children, many under five years old, are being treated like comput up for adoption.

put up for adoption. In the past, arrangements were set up through the magazine Nursery World, where families advertised their chil-dren for fostering. Although the publishers stopped accepting the adverts for fear of at-tracting unsuitable people farmed out to white families by their parents behind the backs of the authorities. Under the Children Act, social services must vet all factor parents. the networks are still in place

in several English counties. Felicity Collier, director of the British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF), said yesterday: "This situation ... can't be allowed to continue. Children are being moved around from family to family, and sometimes growing up in areas where they may be the only black child."

She called for a register of approved private foster car-ers. "Because there is no formal registration and assess ment of private carers, the children could be placed with families who are inappropri-ate. They could be subjected to, at the least, lack of support



Leonora Williams, with Tony, left, and Emmanuel, has fostered 11 Nigerian children since 1988. She still gets calls from parents seeking a white carer

removed two Nigerian children, aged four and eight, from their foster parents after

worst, sexual and physical legal network 18 months ago, abuse."

Barbara Evans, director of and courts. We want parents to come forward and tell us terday she believed the networks had spread into other vately so that we can work areas including Warwick, with them to ensure that the

and understanding and, at the | discovering evidence of an il- | Kent and Hampshire. "We | children are getting proper worst, sexual and physical legal network 18 months ago. | would rather not use the law | standards of care." she said. that they are fostering pri-

Leonora Williams, a 55-year-old single mother from Shrewsbury, started privately

tered 11, but is now registered with social services.

She tells the programme: "I saw a friend of mine up town and she'd got this little black boy. I said where did you get him from and she said out of a

magazine called Nursery World. So I went straight to WH Smith and bought it." She still gets phone calls

'We want

parents to come forward and tell us they are fostering privately to ensure children are getting proper care'

Barbara Evans, above

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'I never saw the nanny'

families -- "nannies" for her first two children. Although she had found it difficult to leave them with strangers, when she had

send him to a nanny. "When I had my third child, I was doing my finals," she said. "So a lady told me they knew someone in Portsmouth. I went there and vis-ited the namy and I was satpaid two weeks' money in ad-vance, left all his clothes and nappies and then left my phone number at work."

Almost a week passed, and despite persistent phone calls, Olayinka heard nothing from the family. Then a letter came from a woman in Gosport Hampshire, explaining that she now had the child and asking Olayinka to contact her urgently.

London. Twe never seen the nanny, the couple I left my child with. I lost all his goods She was only interested in money. I paid two weeks in advance and the child didn't even stay there for two days." When I brought him back he

She took Joshua back to | and all that He couldn't hear properly."
Olayinka believes many Niecause "a lot of them actuwhen the child goes to English people that they can aquire knowledge, they will had speech problems," she said. "So I have to start takbe able to speak English. English people are not above ing him to speech therapies | us, we are just the same".

£1bn 'parent tax' anger

John Carvel Education Editor

ARENTS are having to contribute more than £1 billion a year to their children's supposedly free state education, the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations said

yesterday.

The squeeze on school budgets was forcing teachers to ask repeatedly for contributions to pay for educational trips, technology equipment, art materials and other curriculum exactions. riculum essentials. "Most parents are being asked to pay £3 to £4 per child per

week. It amounts to parent

tax worth £1.2 billion a year," said Sean Rogers, the chair-man elect. "Parents know education

has to be paid for. But they would rather pay an honest tax than have their arms twisted behind their backs week after week to pay for extras which schools demand,"

Parents' direct contributions towards their own chil-dren's learning came on top of regular fundraising and requests for voluntary contri-butions for the school as a whole, worth £128 million this

This money was supposed to fund optional extras, but was being used for books,

equipment, teachers' salaries and school security. There was increasing evidence of "haves and have nots" in the

classroom, Mr Rogers said. The NCPTA was publishing the results of a survey of 2,000 schools. In more than half, the parents thought there were not enough teachers and morale was deteriorating. Primary heads acknowledged staff were teaching subjects in which their knowledge was weak. Nevertheless, parents at 51 per cent of schools said they believed the quality of education was improving.

The State of the Schools In

Judge bars details in Moynihan divorce case

John Exard

70-YEAR-OLD Act of Par-liament designed to spare living people from "sal-acious" divorce reports was used yesterday to protect a notorious dead man.

Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division of the High Court, ruled that the press could not report details given in the opening of a case involving Lord Moynihan, who fled from Britain facing 57 criminal charges and died four years ago, aged 55, as a millionaire Philippines

Lord Meston, QC, acting for

to the court for Moynihan's divorce from his fourth wife, a Filipino named Eduarda, also known as Editha, to be

declared null and void. The divorce was granted in 1990. The grounds for the ap-plication argue that Moyni-han had his wife's signature of consent forged on court papers and falsely declared that their 14-month-old son, Andrew, was dead.

Lord Meston said Moyni-

han submitted a dead child's birth certificate to get a false passport for himself. His mas-

Moynihan barony is inher-

mer Conservative minister Colin Moynihan, by his son. Andrew, aged seven, or by the son of his fifth marriage, Daniel, aged five, who is also in the Philippines: Evidence is expected to include arguments about DNA test results. After legal argument yes-terday, Sir Stephen ruled the action, as a contested divorce, was covered by the 1926 Judicial Proceedings Act, which was framed to "prevent in-jury to public morals" through publication of indesage parlour empire is esti-mated to be worth £3 million.

The case is regarded as cru-cial in deciding whether the him no discretion.



You and I know only too well that a condition of non-being is not hell. Hell is to cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" and to know that he has not forsaken me but that I have forsaken him. George Austin

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6 WORLD NEWS Wealth chasm must be closed'

national product. Canada, the

Unless a united world reverses the growing disparity, instability must follow, the UN warns. Victoria Brittain and Larry Elliott report

aires is greater than the combined annual incomes of nearly half the world's people, the United Nations said today in a report highlighting the growing gulf between rich and poor

Warning that the disparity threatens an instability which can only be tackled by a new international solidartty, the UN's human develop-ment report said that 1.6 mil-lion people in 100 countries had lower living standards

now than in the 1980s. Richard Jolly, the chief author of the study, called for a three-pronged strategy to reverse the trend: a target of 3 per cent per capita growth in the poorest countries, an on making expan-

HE wealth of the equitable, and action to avoid world's 358 billion the five forms of undesirable

growth. The UN described these as jobless growth, ruthless growth where only the rich benefit, anti-democratic voiceless growth, unsustainable futureless growth, and

rootless growth, which tramples on cultural identities.

The report said that whereas the richest 20 per cent of the world's population were 30 times better of than were 30 times better off than the poorest 20 per cent in 1960, they were now 61 times wealthier.

"If present trends continue, economic disparities between industrial and developing nations will move from in-equitable to inhuman," said James Gustave Speth, the American who heads the UN Development Programme. The UNDP commissioned the

Poverty by numbers

 The wealth of the world's 358 billionaires exceeds the com-bined annual incomes of countries with nearly half the world's people. ● In 1990-3 average incomes fell by a fifth or more in 21

countries, mostly in eastern Europe and the CIS. In 70 countries average incomes are less than they were in 1980, and in 43 less than in 1970.
In Africa Aids will cut life expectancy from 62 years to 47 by

the year 2000. Per capita water supply in developing countries dropped by two-thirds since 1970. • World military spending is \$778 billion.

troversial annual series cov- | come - rather than by gross ering the world economy from a perspective which does not put economic growth

US, Japan, the Netherlands and Norway were the top scorers, with Britain in 16th place, behind Finland, Spain top of the agenda.
The report ranked the and Australia. Barbados, Bacountries of the world according to a human development index — measuring life expechamas and South Korea were top scorers

larisation, the report said other examples of govern-Eighty nine countries were ment commitment to job now worse off than they were protection.)
15 years ago, while 15 A study countries, mainly in Asia. showed that had experienced a dramatic surge in economic growth over the same period. Malay-sia had grown by 3.5 per cent and China and Kores by 8.2

per cent.
One of the most important findings of the report is that the east and south-east Asian countries which have grown most fair in the division of income and assets such as land and credit. These countries invest heavily in education and social services, the report underlined.

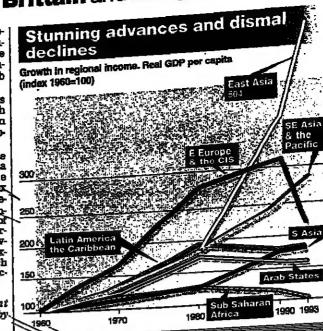
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Economic growth had failed tackled the world-wide prob-for a quarter of the world's lem of unemployment. (Mau-people, leading to a global po-larication the world with a second communication of the communication of th

A study of 69 countries showed that of the 46 with economic growth, more than 40 per cent experienced jobless growth. The Nobel economics pri

winner Robert Solow, in a provocative essay in the report, described as a paradox the fashion for sustainable development and the lack of in-terest in the inequalities of today. "Those who are so ur-gent about not inflicting poverty on the future have to ex-plain why they do not attach even higher priority to redu

The Human Development Report 1996 is published by Oxford University Press.





Hindu women wash in the holy waters of Baan Ganga tank in south Bombay as part of India's festival of the new moon, Somavati Amavasya, observed by those hoping to be absolved of their sins. Yesterday at least 60 festival pilgrims, including five children, were crushed to death and many more injured in stampedes at a temple in the city of Ujjain in the central photograph: Sherwin Crasto state of Madhya Pradesh and on the banks of the river Ganges at Hardwar, 125 miles north of New Dehli

in the name of Islam

Kathy Evans

HE prime minister of Afghanistan, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, has closed all the country's cinemas and banned music on television and radio, claiming such Islamic law.

Women must wear "decent and dignified dress", he warned the many women in the capital Kabul who work wear skirts and high heels and use minimum head cover. The new campaign is seen

as an attempt by Mr Hekmatyar, who was restored as prime minister last month, to appear more Islamic than the Taliban, the Islamic militant student group fighting the government. Since seizing control of more than half the country in the past two years, Taliban has implemented some of the harshest Islamic

Last week it announced the public stoning of a woman and her stepson for adultery. According to Taliban officials, about 6.000 people watched or participated.

Taliban has implemented

Islamic punishments rarely carried out in other Muslim countries. Thieves have had all of them powered by their right hand and left foot | generators.

Forbidden pleasures

Going to the cinema Listening to or playing music Playing cards
Playing football, volleyball

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amputated. Last year in Khost, eastern Afghanistan veiled woman, publicly stabbed to death the man accused of murdering her

Mr Hekmatyar's decision to prove his Islamic credentials has been condemned by more moderate commanders, including his powerful military rival Ahmed Shah Massoud, who demanded that the measures should be discussed by

the state high council. Kabulis were said to be angered by the decision to close cinemas. After 16 years of war, only five cinemas remained open in the capital,

"Going to the cinema was the only time Afghans could get together. Because of the war people do not invite cause there is not enough food. Going to the cinema was a great social occasion," said

Since the mojahedin took power three years ago, films have been heavily censored in Afghanistan. Scenes with women or dancing are edited out. Women's voices are banned on radio, although in recent months they have begun reappearing on televi-sion, well covered in Islamic

dress. The decision to ban music on the radio and television mirrors similar laws implemented by Taliban.

But Afghan observers pointed out that the broadcasting regulations were likely to affect less than 5 per cent of the population. Only senior commanders and officials have enough electricity to watch television. Outside Kabul, many commanders have installed satellite television receivers in their homes. Banning music is the hardest to bear. We Afghans like nothing better than good music. good food and a good gun," said an Afghan

Afghan PM bans music | Pressure grows for Italians to return Ethiopia's pride

Alice Martin in Addis Ababa

HE elderly tour guide was adamant. "Please, you must be a true witness. This obelisk has to be returned to Aksum where it belongs. It is our own. It was made here by our ancestors and it tells how strong and clever they

No one knows when Axumites first began erecting obelisks, and no one knows how many there are - at the last count it was more than 1,300 - but they are Berhane Meskai Zelelo's whole world, and he has been showing them to tourists for 40 years.

They are, says Elias Girmas of the Tigray bureau of culture, "pagan monu-ments". The three most beautiful ones were carved shortly before the Axumite kingdom converted to Christianity in the fourth century. They were cut from single slabs of stone and transported several miles before being erected

over the tombs of kings. They were records of the wealth and might of the kings who ruled over a trading state that stretched as far as Yemen across the

Red Sea. In 1937 the finest of Aksum's three carved obelisks was looted by the invading Italian army under Musso-lini. Mussolini was late in acquiring colonies and he told his troops to take Ethiopia with or without the

neople". During the five-year ocupation, in which thouands died and much was looted, the Aksum obelisk was shipped to Rome and erected in front of Mussolini's short-lived ministry for ing that time is up. The time to settle old scor Africa, now the site of the United Nations Food and mittee in Addis Ababa has belongs in Ethiopia.



The obelisk, captured by Mussolini in 1937, in Rome

Agriculture Organisation. And there it has stayed, despite a UN peace treaty in 1947 which instructed Italy to "restore all works of art . . and objects of historical removed from value' Ethiopia.

Its return, therefore, unlike that of many other works of art looted during the colonial period, is not just a moral issue: it is provided for in an interna-

tional treaty. But through lack of political will on the part of the Italians, nothing has been done about it. Now Ethiopians are say-

petition demanding the obelisk's "Immediate restitution" which will it will present to the Italian Professor Richard Pankhurst a member of the committee, believes that

the time is ripe. He said: "The recent elections in Italy have brought many anti-fascists to power who regard Mussolini, the looter of the Aksum obe-lisk, as their own oppressor as well as that of Ethiopians. And very recently the Italian under-secretary for foreign affairs, Rino Serri, made a clear statement saying, "We will return the Aksum obelisk," indicating that he wanted a decision not in years but in morths."

months. The head of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Aksum, Nuburaed Belay. said: "It is not important for [it] to stay in Rome. It is not important to the Italian people, because it is not a of their civilisation and history. It is merely a sign that they grabbed it

from here." When asked why the Church felt so strongly about a pagan monumen the nuburaed replied: "We did not start Christianity without any foundation. In the same way as the Old Testament relates to the New Testament, this obelisk is part of our beginnings and it belongs in

Aksum. It is 100 years since the Ethiopians beat the Italians at the battle of Adwa, and 60 years since the Italian army's "revenge" on Ethiopia in its five-year occupation of the country. Now there is a feeling that it is time to settle old scores and

No room in desert for 'human dodos'

After centuries of abuse, there are 100,000 Bushmen left in southern Africa. Suzanne Daley visits a beleaguered community in the Kalahari game park

HE 1,000 Bushmen on this vast desert reserve are often described as the last Bushmen on earth living their traditional huntergatherer life. But this is a

romantic view.

In the settlement called Kade, five hours from the nearest town, there are plenty of signs of Western civiliza-tion, from the tin cans that litter the ground to the plastic milk crates that are used as chairs and the prefab schoolrooms brought in on trailers. There are goats and chick-ens and donkeys kept in pens. And no one wears leather aprons or intricate beadwork. Instead, the Bushmen look espite their distinctive yellow skin and Asian features like most of Africa's desperately poor. They wear ragged clothing and live in twig huts, every crevice stuffed with dung or plastic to keep out the wind and the driving

The Bushmen have lived for centuries as a southern African underclass, despised by both whites and blacks. Once they were hunted as cattle killing vermin; they are still disdained and brutalised. But they are putting up a

The Botswana government wants them out of the with guns cannot be tolerated in a national park. Botswana believes it is time for the Bushmen to leave the desert, learn to read, earn a living, join the 20th century.

"How can you have a Stone Age creature continuing to exist in the age of computers?" said Festus Mogae, Bo-tswana's vice-president. "If the Bushmen want to survive, they must change or other-wise, like the dodo, they will

perish."
The Kalahari Bushmen insist that the land should be recognised as theirs. "The them." - New York Times.

government is placing more importance on the animals than on us," said Gabotlowe Matsoma, who has lived at Kade for more than 10 years, since drought drove him here

from even more remote parts
of the desert. "We should be
respected more."
The government has
wanted the Bushmen out of the park for years, but it has done little about it. In fact, it has spent millions each year on support services: emer-gency food, a primary school. and a part-time health clinic in Xade.

But recently the government began putting pressure on them to lesve. A meeting between a land minister and the Bushmen in February left many believing that if they did not go on their own, they would be removed. The government says no one was threatened with forced

The dispute has attracted international attention, with ambassadors from the United States, Sweden, Norway and Britain converging on Xade last month to see for them-selves what was going on.

It has also put the spotlight on the plight of Bushmen in Botswana, Namibia and South Africa, some of whom live as virtual slaves on cattle farms or in squalid "resettlement camps" where depression and alcoholism are rampant.

But their defenders are not uite sure what to do about the Bushmen. Or indeed what to call them. Some consider though it is still the most widely used name. Some don't. Some prefer "San" people, or "Basarwa" or "Khwe". Others speak of "the

Some talk about dividing the game reserve and giving the Bushmen one part. Others believe they should be integrated into a tourist industry which might be developed for the park. They could have jobs as trackers, or teach about plant life. The chal-lenge, almost everyone says, is to preserve the dignity and culture of a people while help. culture of a people while helping them to survive in mod-

ern society.
"The Basarwa do want to participate in development." said Alice Mogwe, who heads Botswana's centre for human rights. "The question is how to make that accessible in a way that does not destroy

Seal cull stains **Skeleton Coast**

Ben Hirschler in Cape Cross, Namibja

IHE seal colony at Cape Cross, echoing with hundreds of bleating demanding their next pups demanding their next feed, is a rare sign of life on the Skeleton Coast of Namibia, named after bygone

But next month the sand and rocks of this barren stretch of Atlantic shore will be stained with blood as sealers embark on their annual cull. Two miles along the beach from the colony, the carcasses will be processed sought after in the Far East as aphrodisiacs.

Animal welfare groups condemn the slaughter. They are particularly concerned about this year's cull, since it is not yet clear to what extent the Cape's fur-seal population the world's largest concentration of the species - has recovered from a devastating migration of fish in 1994.

More than 200,000 seals died as oxygen-deficient water moving up the coast forced fish stocks beyond the seals

feeding range. Burger Oelofsen, director of esource management at the department of fisheries, said all the evidence suggested that the numbers were improving. "The population picture looks better, although it is not as good as one would wish it to be, he said, adding: "We don't have a seal cull, we have a seal harvest."

The International Fund for Animal Welfare says Namibia, with 30 per cent unemployment, is trying to breathe for fur, leather, meat, and life into a dying industry, adult male penises, much since demand for seal fur and leather dried up after consumer boycotts in the 1980s. — Reuter.

 Police rescued a large consignment of live wild animals - long-tailed monkeys, pangolins, giant lizards, tortoises and snakes — being smuggled through Hanoi airport on their way to woks in China, according to official news reports yesterday.



At Sharkey's bar in Glasgow a musician called Martin complained that sectarian tensions locally make it impossible for him to perform traditional "rebel" songs. "People here can be threatened, but down south, even when they're English, they don't mind a bit," he grumbled.

G2 cover story



Campaigning stops as Serb police threaten UN

ian Black in London and John Palmer in Brussels

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Bosnia's post-war elections was post-poned yesterday amid ominous threats to Western forces as interna-tional pressure again mounted for the swift removal of Serb leaders in-dicted as war criminals.

Tension rose throughout the country as the Serb police warned of retaliation if Nato troops tried to snatch Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic.

Alexander Ivanov, spoke man for the International Police Task Force, said there was deep concern about the threats to "detain or harm" UN personnel, in the light of recent Serb violence against the task force, including the force, including the

bombing of a patrol car last |

At the same Nato aned that it had grounded Bosnian government military aircraft after finding four anti-tank weapons and am-munition on a helicopter

which should have been carrying passengers.
But the focus remained on the thorny question of the indicted leaders. Robert Frowick, the US diplomat in charge of the September 14 ballot, insisted that a "mutually acceptable" solution must be worked out before

campaigning can begin.
"It is my unalterable position that any political parties who keep indicted war criminals in office shall be ineligible to participate," said Mr Frowick, head of the Bosnia office of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in

European Union govern-The German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, vetoed an expression of support for the ments were split last night on nternational peace mediator, cood as planned in Septembe Carl Bildt. There have been sharp display a public political role

agreements between Mr Bildt After four hours of debate, EU foreign ministers in Brussels failed to agree on what steps and Mr Frowick. Mr Bildt, backed by the majority of EU governments, be-lieves — in Mr Spring's words should be taken to remove Mr Karadzic and Gen Mladic - that the September date is 'absolutely essential". from all positions of influence and ensure their transfer to

The foreign ministers also debated whether international sanctions will have to be imposed on Serbia as well the Bosnian Serbs if Mr Kar-adzic is not quickly removed from all political functions.
On this too there was no

greement last night.
The EU foreign affairs commissioner, Hans van den Broek, said: "I cannot con-ceive of fair and free elections if Karadzic is still able to exercise political influence,"

Attack on east German camp site 'by far right'

Denis Staumton in Berlin

ASTERN Germany's fledgling tourist industry feared for its future yesterday as seven holidaymakers received hospital treatment after rightwingers attacked three camp sites in Mecklenburg at the weekend.

In the most serious inci-dent, 50 young rightwingers wielding baseball bats and iron bars set upon a west German Roman Catholic youth group camping near one of Mecklenburg's most pictur-

esque lakes. The trouble started when the group's leader, Dieter Rapp, told three drunken ads to leave the campsite because they were harassing girls as young as

"That obviously provoked mainly girls, came back in our direction and then more and more young men. I saw that most had shaved heads and some were masked." Mr

Police charged six youths causing bodily harm and damaging property, but they insisted that they were not treating the incident as a rightwing extremist act. But Mecklenburg's interior

ministry contradicted this view yesterday, describing the youths as "members of the extreme rightwing politi-

Some of them shouted "Sieg Heil" and other Nazi slogans as they attacked the campers and some of those arrested were carrying rightwing pro-

paganda literature. The Green Party in Mecklenburg accused the police of being "hlind in the right eye" and called for a special sitting of the state parliament. A Social Democrat, Siegfied Friese, said that the interior ministers of all 16 federal states should meet to find a solution to rightwing

hooliganism. There have been more than a dozen attacks on camp sites in Mecklenburg during the past two years, winning an unwelcome reputation for a state which has struggled to rebuild its economy since reunification. Traditionally dependent on agriculture, it is one of Germany's poorest states but boasts some of the most beautiful landscape in the country.

Tourism has grown rapidly in recent years but local poli-ticians fear that the latest vio-lent incidents will deter westerners from booking holidays in eastern Germany. The port of Rostock, also in Mecklenburg suffered a dramatic fall in foreign investment after a rightwing mob set fire to a home for asylum-seekers in the city four years ago.

Asean stands by Burma as EU debates sanctions

the international war crimes

"We are all agreed on the objective of ensuring that Mr

Karadzic is no longer in a po-sition to play a political role in the Bosnian Serb repub-lic," the Irish foreign minis-

lic," the Irish foreign minis-ter, Dick Spring, said last

night.
"Any differences over

means should not be allowed to overshadow the extent

of our agreement about

tribunal in The Hague.

John Palmer in Brussels

S EUROPEAN Union governments discussed sanctions against Burma in protest at the death sul James Nichols, the Association of South-east Asian Nations announced last night that it will grant Burma observer status later this

EU diplomats expressed EU diplomats expressed trying to do, talk quietly at surprise and anger that the ministerial level, at the links with the military regime in Rangoon in the face of international criticism of its human rights record. Ali Alatas, the Indonesia

foreign minister, said all seven Asean member states had agreed to give Burma observer status in the organisa "That obviously provoked tion. This was one step away them. An advance guard, from full membership, he He said Asean would reject

any move to impose trade sanctions on Burma, as called the Danish government.

"We thought the best way

was not to approach it through the application of economic sanctions or isolating them again or putting them in a corner publicly. "Asean prefers to talk quietly about things that are sensitive to certain countries. That is what we have been

"This is what we are going to continue to do. Other countries may have their own

He said Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese democracy leader, had written to Assan heads of state asking them to intervene in the stand-off between her party and the country's military junta. "At this

stage, we are not yet in a posi-tion to react," he said. In Rangoon the main pro-

"We do realise that the situa-tion in Burma is one which needs some resolution," Mr commentary said Nichols, Alatas said. possession of telephones and had not been ill-treated.

"I cannot find a reason why there is such exaggeration and fault finding" it said. The bad hat must have died because of destiny, as a retribution."

EU foreign ministers in Brussels, having heard a report about the circumask for further discussion of possible economic and diplomatic sanctions.

Niels Helveg Petersen, the foreign minister of Denmark. one of the countries Nichols represented, said the junta appeared to be "completely indifferent" to human rights and democracy.

nity cannot ignore this chal-lenge for the sake of the movement for democracy and junta daily newspaper, New human rights in Burma it-Light, described Nichols, who self," he said.

Drug users seek fix that killed rock musician

Randy Kennedy In New York

AR from frightening drug users, news at the weekend of the death of a member of the rock group Smashing Pumpkins has in-creased demand in the city for the brand of heroin that Police have described it as a "ripple effect" and say drug

users are now seeking out the form of heroin known because of its potency as Red Rum. Captain Denis McCarthy, commander of the Downtown Narcotics District, said it was

now the favourite type. It is a phenomenon the nar-cotics team has noticed before: brands of heroin, even some containing lethal additives, gain notoriety after being publicly linked to an overdose.

Capt McCarthy said: "When | Smashing Pumpkins case say people die from something, or nearly die, there's this rush to get it, because it must be more powerful and deliver a better high. It's amazing, but

The death of the band's key-board player, Jonathan Mel-voin, on Friday is the latest evidence of increasing heroin use among musicians, particularly those in alternative rock groups.

Its popularity has been ris-ing for four years and shows no signs of waning, according to Suddy Arnold, founder of the musicians' assistance pro-gramme, which has helped more than 150 professional musicians with drug prob-lems. Mr Arnold said he had seen a "tremendous upswing" this year in the number of her-oin addicts seeking help. Police investigating the York Times.

that the heroin that killed Melvoin, who had been hired as a backup musician for s world tour, was bought on the city's Lower East Side on

Capt McCarthy said his de-tectives first noticed the use of Red Rum — "murder" spelt backwards — in that area about eight weeks ago, making it the latest addition to a rapidly changing market.

"It's so new we don't know much about Red Rum yet," he said, adding that it was probably smuggled from Colombia, which has replaced South-east Asia as the main source of street heroin. Brands like Red Rum are more potent than those used 10 years ago, and deliver a strong high by being snorted or smoked rather than injected.—New

Planet earth is blue and there's nothing she can do: US astronaut is told she must stay in her tin can

return to earth until at least mid-September.

durance record. Ms Lucid's

journey attracted interest

Mir: two Russian men, both

Discounting tabloid spec-

ulation about an orbital mé-

nage à trois, the trio have

dedicated themselves to

science experiments whose

ecause of her partners on

day stint.

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called Yuri.

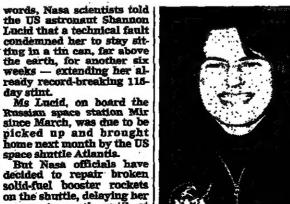
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Major Shannon. There's something wrong, can you hear me Major Shannon? With not exactly those



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A brave-faced Ms Lucid told television interviewers yesterday that she was not as her stint in space grows unhappy to be in space for

another month and a half. "It's very challenging, it's very interesting," she said, showing no trace of gritted Her mission has always been something of a space "That's added a real unique oddity. Apart from the en-

Ms Lucid, aged 53, admit-ted yesterday that she often feels homesick, although she has stayed in touch with her husband and her three grown-up children via e-mail from her laptop computer.



Major Lucid keeps smiling

struction of a permanent international space station. "I've really enjoyed working with someone from another culture," she told the television link-up.

flavour.

She also packed a stack of books to cope with the long Squadron 334 of the Hercules A European Union proeventual aim is the con- days.



WENTY-SIX people were killed when a Belgian air force Hercules transport plane carrying members of a. Dutch military band crashed at Eindhoven airport in the southern Netherlands yesterday, Dutch television reported. Dozens were Rritish lorry carrying bicycles, photographic equipment to the south of the

try said the four-engined turboprop was carrying its normal four crew members as | President Daniel arap Moi of well as the 50 Dutch military Kenya expressed doubt yes-musicians on a flight from terday about a Western-Villafranca, Italy.

plane making unusual ma-noeuvres shortly before the crash at the military section said that extremists were putof the airport. crash, the airport was cor- dy. - Reuter.

planes. -- AP.

doned off to keep away "disaster tourists" as they are called in the Netherlands and Sakai city, in western Japan regional hospitals were put shut down all its 92 public ele on high alert. Hercules planes are often used to transport troops. The airport serves as the base for the Royal Dutch Air Force's

entrance to the Channel tunnel, the biggest drug haul since the days of the French Connection, the government said yesterday.

The heroin was found on a

and toilet paper. - AP.

Burundi dilemma

backed regional peace plan to Witnesses observed the end ethnic slaughter in Buting the idea of sending "secu-Immediately after the rity assistance" in jeopar-

> Food poison alert mentary schools after a food poisoning outbreak affected 3,791 schoolchildren. — AP.

£2.8bn handout

Presidential aides also believe that giving Chesea a higher profile may soften her mother's image, reminding voters that she

Stepping out . . . Chelsea may be a main speaker at the Democratic convention. Officials hope she can bolster the president's image as head of a Kennedyesque family and soften the public's impression of Mrs Clinton

Chelsea bids farewell to the shade

have won plaudits. "[The Clintons] have

done a great job of protect-ing her from public expo-sure," the White House's deputy chief of staff, Har-She has blossomed since 1992 from an awkward adoold Ickes, told the New York Times. "And the result of it is a wonderful Convention organisers

whether Chelsea should wheelchair.

Mr Clinton's image as the speak would be taken by An appearance by the head of a young Kennedy-her parents.

"Information we have indi-cates that 91 were killed, 20

injured and four abducted," she said.

UNHCR officials declined to

accuse the Lord's Resistance

esque family — in contrast | It is also uncertain to his Republican rival Bob | whether Mrs Clinton will Dole, whose only daughter, speak at the convention, Robin, is now in her forties. Which meet in her home town, Chicago, on August

will remind the live televi-sion audience of the is a parent and not just a Whitewater affair, and put hardened lawyer. Chelsea's off conservatives and blue-previous speeches — at collar white men who see closed-door gatherings — her as a strident feminist.

Others say she is one of the Democrats' most force-ful advocates, and galvanises women voters. Mr Ickes, the chief convention planner, would only say that there were strong arguments on both sides.

With so little politics expected as the convention He said the final decision | rubber-stamps Mr Clinton's nomination, the focus will be on ways to hold pub-

News in brief

VALINE WAMAN.

The awkward adolescent may now be

Jonathan Freedland in Washington

ton may be about to

end four years away from the public spotlight by

making a televised speech

at the Democratic conven-

tion next month which will

nominate her father for the

presidency.
Aged 16, she is being mooted as a main speaker at

the four-day meeting in Chl-cago, together with the ac-tor Christopher Reeve, a

leading Democrat activist

before the riding accident which confined him to a

a useful weapon for the Clintons, reports

IKE a debutante com- i Clintons' only child would

Ugandan rebels kill 91 Sudanese refugees | Microsoft and

break their strictly-enforced no-publicty rule, which has shielded Chelsea

from press and public at-

tention to give her a more normal childhood.

White House officials,

seeking to cast President

family values, are keen to

make good use of Chelsea.

believe she could bolster

esterday. At least 20 refugees were in-

jured and four abducted in the attacks on Acholpii camp in northern Uganda on Friday and Saturday night, they

"Initial reports are indicat-

GANDAN rebels suspected of being Christian fundamentalists slaughtered 91 Sudanese refugees in separate attacks last week, United Nations relief workers said Nations relief workers said. The Sudan-based rebels said. The Sudan-based rebels said. said. The Sudan-based rebels want to rule Uganda on the lines of the Ten Commandments.

Millicent Mutuli, spokes woman for the UN High Com-

Army, led by Joseph Kony, the 30-year-old former Catho-lic preacher. But they agreed missioner for Refugees in Nairobi, said the attacks were the worst so far on refugee

that the LRA fighters were the only rebels known to be operating in the area in the Kitgum district. — Reuter.

countries from Morocco to Turkey with 3.4 billion ecu (£2.8 billion) over five years as part of the EU's plans to shore up security along its southern flank. — Reuter.

Abiola deal denied Ore Falomo, the doctor of the detained Nigerlan opposition leader Moshood Abiola, de-nied a press report yesterday that a deal was being negotiated for his release. - Reuter.

Volcano's new life Mount Ruapehu, a volcano in New Zealand's North Island, pumped out huge clouds of ash yesterday as it burst back to life after several days of slumber. — Reuter.

Earthquake panic Families fled in panic into the streets early yesterday as an earthquake in Annecy, in the French Alps, sent roof tiles crashing to the ground and smashed windows. - Reuter.

Glutton jailed Li Jiuting, a village leader in

Gaogong, eastern Anhui prov-ince in China, who are and drank his way through £4.000 of public funds has been sentenced to a year in jail, China's state-run Xinhua news agency gramme will provide reported yesterday. - AP.

NBC take on CNN with new news channel

THE FIRST salvos in America's 24-hour news war were fired yesterday as Microsoft, the software giant, and NBC, the television network, launched a new cable news channel to compete with CNN, writes

Inn Katz in New York.

The new channel opened last night with an interview with President Clinton and appearances by many of NBC's heavy-weight presenters. The alliance of the net-

work with Bill Gates's hugely successful computer software company, each of which plans to spend \$250 million (£166.6 mil-lion) on the venture over five years, represents the most significant example yet of the long predicted convergence of the media and technology industries. Microsoft hopes to become a major force in the media on the back of NBC's highly regarded journal-ism, offering in return its technological expertise and most of the initial cash to

set up MSNBC. Although most television networks, including CNN. already have a strong internet presence, MSNBC is billed as the first channel which will be delivered both through cable TV and

the Internet.
MSNBC's World Wide Web page yesterday fea-tured an "interactive primer" to the Whitewater affair, its own presidential poll and detailed coverage of the Olympic games.

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Yielding to Orange force

We need real leadership not bland responses

Patrick Mayhew yesterday, but we did not get it. With the situation in Northern Ireland worsening by the day, yesterday was a moment for a political intervention of composed and uncompromising imagination. Sir Patrick, as ever, was composed. Otherwise, though, he had little to say, and cer-tainly not enough to suggest that the Government is currently equal to the task which confronts it in the province. This is not, as some facile reports have had it, 1969 all over again. But it is a seriously deteriorating situation, in which peace is at risk, and it needs more than just the passage of time to reclaim it. That was what was missing.

The point of substance in Sir Patrick's report to MPs typified the problem. It was better than nothing, but it was a poor effort. He announced the setting-up of a review of controversial parades. But he had hinted at that initiative already last week. Yesterday, he added precious little to what we knew already — no chairman was named, no detailed terms of reference were set out (it is still not clear whether this will be a review of public order law), and the review's sights are set distantly on the marching season of 1997, not on the remainder of this year's troubled fixture-list. Taken as a whole, it was a thin response to the most dangerous period which Northern Ireland has faced for many years, all the more so because it was an admission that his earlier refusal to hold such a review before the 1996 marches was tragically complacent and wrong. Sir Patrick is merely shutting the stable the lane to Portadown. Labour's Marjorie Mowlam was absolutely right to say that he was partly responsible for the crisis last week.

Patrick gave MPs an analysis of the ingly inadequate to the current crisis.

is different this time, and not just

because he will be picketed by a rival

Buddhist sect. Though the Tibetan

problem has long seemed remote and

unchanging, it is moving into an unset-

tled phase which the outside world will

find harder to ignore. China has tight-

ened its grip, sounding a new note of

alarm about "splittist" activities. West-

ern governments cannot decide how far

to condone Chinese rule, sending mixed

signals to Beijing. And in the Tibetan

capital, where violence so far has been

entirely inflicted by the Chinese army,

there have been the first, small bombs.

The origins in this country of the Dorje Shugden sect — now lobbying

aggressively against the Dalai Lama -

are something of a mystery. Shugden is

a typical wrathful deity of a type reflect-

ing the early influence of "Bön" sha-

manism in Tibet and it has played a

divisive role before at times of crisis. A

few years ago, the Dalai Lama warned

that the spread of Buddhism in the West had led to "a tendency towards

sectarianism" which was "poison" for

the religion. It is poisoning the atmo-

sphere now in ways which can only

gratify the Chinese. Whatever differ-

ences there may be between this sect

and the main stream of loyal worship, it

is preposterous for a bunch of foreign

devotees to denounce a spiritual leader

revered - often at the cost of persecu-

tion - by nearly all Tibetans in Tibet.

no doubt in which camp the perfidy

Beijing's decision to ban portraits of

the Dalai Lama, generally tolerated in these equations.

The strength of the Dalai Lama

Tibet may well upset Western rapprochement with China

THE DALAI LAMA'S visit to England | monasteries and the marketplace, illus-

WE WERE looking for a lead from Sir | past week's events which fell seriously short of acceptability. Like the Ulster Unionists, he just does not seem able to get the point of what happened at Drumcree. What happened there was that the Orangemen refused to comply with the law. Having refused, they then forced the authorities to reverse their orders. Such a thing would never have happened had the march been largely nationalist or republican. At Drumcree there was one law for one side, and another for the other. The state buckled under Orange pressure. Of course, Drumcree was difficult. No one dis-putes that. But nor should anyone dis-pute that what happened there has been a catastrophic failure of policy, which has made things far worse than they were before.

Sir Patrick's overall approach seemed to be well summed up in his comment that "There are no immediately obvious answers". But there are. The most immediate one is for political leaders to give real leadership. No op-portunity should be lost to re-establish the primacy of democratic and representative politics. It is good that Sir Patrick will meet Dick Spring today and that there will be a further meeting on Thursday. But it will not do for the prime ministers to sit on the sidelines at such a moment. They too need to meet. Nor will it do for John Hume and his SDLP to boycott the Northern Ireland Forum. Nor will it do for them to boycott Westminster, which is what it looked like yesterday. The same stricture goes for the absent DUP. These parties seem to have reacted to last week with a reflex sectarian response door after the horse has bolted down that is worthy of Sinn Fein at its worst, while Sir Patrick seems strangely content to just shrug his shoulders and hope that tomorrow will be better than today. That may indeed be his attitude, But then what did anyone expect? Sir | but it is a mistaken one, and is worry-

trates both the strength of his appeal

and a deep sense of Chinese insecurity.

It follows Beijing's heavy-handed inter-

vention last year to impose its own

choice of a new Panchen Lama. China

has also begun to talk of "sabotage and

assassination by the (Tibetan) split-

tists". China is going through an ultra-

nationalist phase with Hong Kong and

Taiwan high on the patriotic agenda.

Growing militancy among Muslim Ui-

ghurs in the neighbouring region of

Xinjiang also heightens Beijing's un-

ease. The dogmatism of Tibetan offi-

cials who were never purged after the

Cultural Revolution is another factor.

But Tibetans too are becoming more

militant: China may regret its rejection

of the Dalai Lama's more moderate

Actions such as the bomb in March

outside the communist party headquar-

ters in Lhasa would have been unthink-

able before. Chinese brutality in Gan-

den and other monasteries will, on past

experience, not deter more calls for

independence. A new cycle of resis-

tance and repression will seriously em-

barrass Western governments which,

led by the US, are drifting into a policy

of "constructive engagement." Though

the Hong Kong handover still lies

ahead, Britain is already working for a

new trading relationship. Tiananmen

Square is far behind: Washington seeks

a US-China summit next year. But the

emotive issue of Tibet could yet upset

agenda for real autonomy.



Letters to the Editor

Sex and the single cleric

As AN Anglican priest, 42 years happily married with four grown-up sons, I have no difficulty with the Church's teaching that the will of God for mankind is the lifelens measurement. lifelong monogamous part-nership of one man and one

woman (Letters, July 12). I accept, however, that there are other people whose sexual orientation is different to mine, and for whom the ac-cepted teaching causes difficulty. I recognise that some of these are ministers of the Church, whose ministry is as valid and effective as my own. I accept that the relationships which they form may be as

loving as any that I know. What I cannot accept is the what I cannot accept is the concept that anyone can do as he/she pleases, and that the individual can be left to be the sole arbiter of his/her conduct. Plainly, there are forms of heterosexual conduct which empty are born. duct which anyone can abom-inate, but then we know the standard from which they fall short. We also see forms of ho-mosexual conduct which fill us with alarm, but we do not know by what standard they

If Christian homosexuals they do is compatible with the will of God, then we need to have spelt out to us what are the lines along which they seek direction, and what are the boundaries of what they see as acceptable conduct.
Then there is some hope that we may be able to form an intelligent judgment as to the acceptability of their way of life to the rest of the

community. (Rev) Ronald M Freeman High Avenus, Bolton BL2.

FR GEOFFREY Hooper (Letters, July 12) records that filer his divorce in 1977, three hishops assured him of their support, should he find a same-gender partner with whom to share his life. I ap-

After my wife's desertion in 1973 and no-fault divorce in 1974, I came up against a storm of opposition when in 1976 I wished to re-marry. Only the fact that I had a free-bold prevented the enforcement of my resignation.

One bishop told me I would never get another benefice, and two others made their opposition plain. This did much to undermine the marriage and, after five years, I retired on health grounds, leaving a parish with increased atten-dance and doubled income. But no wife.

Like your correspondent. I look forward to the time when the Church has acquired some integrity in its attitude to sexuality. One way forward would be to treat clergy and laity alike, whatever their orientation, on exactly the same terms. (Rev) John MacDonald

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Statuesque

COTTESPONDENCE, I offer another suggestion for the empty plinth in Trafalgar Square, Lord Reith. His cre-ation — the BBC, still following his principles -has had a greater beneficial influence on our culture than any other institution. Together with the World Service, it has set a standard for

public service broadcasting. Nelson symbolised courage, determination and pro-fessionalism for success in war. Reith's principles showed the way to success in the world of ideas, which we hope will supplement violence as a way of settling Paul Cherrington.

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therefore extremely difficult.
The stalker's activities often

Our solutions for Ireland More lessons for the Prince

Ireland problem. I share his scorn for bigots and gangsters but believe that we should isolate these people and not the whole community in Ulster. I recommend that:

• the Unionists should never be called loyalists, which suggests approbation. It is evident that their only loyalty is to their own self-interests.

• the self-righteous, pompous Ireland problem. I share his

their own ser-interests.

The self-righteous, pompous allowed to join it provided they were contiguous. I am should be ridiculed. Perhaps they should be accorded a very slow hand-clap when they appear in this country.

Supplemental trish repulsion would be join it provided they were contiguous. I am confident that these areas would be mainly near the present border — in Fermanthey appear in this country.

• unless the parties in Ulster accept compromise within six months, they should be governed directly from Brussels, where neither party could rely on friends in court. J H Mason.

Stony Wood,

THE media should, by and large, ignore the cata-logue of tragedies that stem from Northern Ireland's particular breed of madness — as one might spend less time with a friend whose tendency over the slightest matter becomes increasingly

intolerable. Coverage of each side's de termination to win this sickening battle must help to fan the fires of hatred and renew the other's determination never to surrender.

R Carr. Leigham Court Road

M KEEGAN (Letters, July 10) asks for ideas to solve the Northern question: do you wish to be wrong, since that is people and not the whole community in Ulster. I recommend that:

• the Unionists should never would be read as voting for the Chase. would be read as voting for

the status quo.
When the votes come in those constitutencies voting for an Irish republic would be and South Down. So the border, artificially established in 1925, would be moved. Sean Carson. Ely, Cambs CB6.

OW that Northern Ire-landers have been given some of the biggest breaks in the British Isles — such as some of the best public housing and infrastructure in Europe — it is perhaps time they fended for themselves or worked together in a united freland. There are many mihave made positive contribu-tions to their society dis-

creetly, without banging a big Arif Trimperk.
Luton, Beds LU2.

NTIL British troops are withdrawn — in a phased fashion, of course — there will never be peace in Ireland. The claim that the with-

The Chase, London SW16.

F the Crown forces, made up of 13,000 RUC officers and as many British troops, all armed to the teeth, genuinely cannot hold back the Orangemen, then there are some seri-ous questions to be answered by Sir Patrick Maybew and Defence Minister Michael Por-tillo regarding the state of Briian's security and misuse of taxpayers' money. Paul Donovan. Woodlands Avenue,

London E11. ARTIN Kettle (Outlook, July 13) wants "a rally-ing of good people, who, in-spired by [Nelson Mandela's] example, can bring a return of hope" to Northern Ireland. If he wants to learn from South Africa, he should call norities, cults, religions, etc for similar conditions to tion from apartheid to democracy - talks involving all parties without exception and conditions, and the release of political prisoners. But then calling for that is enough to have you branded by the British Government as an

Cabal McLaughlin. Dollis Hill Avenue. London NW2.

Nuclear blast

"extremist".

emergencies".

usual.

Apart from two short in-

down for routine inspection.

Downward in the event of Prince Charles's pronouncement on the event of moral relativism (Stick to tradition, Charles tells teachers, July 12) should appear on the day his divorce settlement terms were amounced.

The irony does not end there. As a leading figure of the traditional establishment, he enters the spurious debate

he enters the spurious debate between traditional and "trendy" teaching methods. Not surprisingly, he endorses the traditional argument, citing evidence which has been shown to be incomplete,

tenuous or anecdotal. Primary-school teachers. his main target, adopt a fit-ness-for-purpose approach, using the most effective teaching method appropriate for the topic, the pupils and the teaching environment. This is not to deny that there are poor teachers and that their judgment is sometimes wrong. After all, there are poor politi-cians, whose ill-conceived policies inhibit effective teaching, and poor royals whose conduct sends out all the

wrong messages to children. In these days of accountability, teachers are subjected the control of Officer. Per haps we could now do with an Ofpol and an Ofroyal? (Dr) John Fenney. Greyroof, Alandale Road, Birdham, Chichester, W Sussex PO20 7QN,

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HIS retired teacher of English would offer a suggestion to His Royal Highness. Having made public the shortcomings of his staff, would he provide his speechwriters and advisers with a good thesaurus, thereby aiding them in a quest for a synonym or two for the over-worked "enormous[ly]"? WE were disappointed in your report (Nuclear Bernstein's model of restricted code of speech was offer closes, and so do two reactors. July 11) that "three of British Energy's eight nu-clear reactors are shut down, always applied to environ-mentally-disadvantaged pupils. However, the discerning teacher's ear can frequently detect an equally restricted two for emergency safety We have 13 reactors, three of which were scheduled to be code in the speech of those who are products of a certain shut down this month - and type of traditional privileged education. One of the key this includes Sizewell B. whose first statutory outage was flagged up on the pro-spectus. Short, precautionary inspection programmes at two AGRs hardly count as words: enormous[ly].

M I Skidmore. West Kirby, Wirral. ONE of the things wrong with our education system is that, as a result of an accident at birth, someone with a few O-levels (not one science aroung them; with spection outages, all the reac-tors currently shut down were scheduled to be shut science among them; maths retake a year later?) and two maintenance, repair and re-fuelling. As far as we are con-cerned, that's business as retake a year later;) and two mediocre A-levels can secure a place at Trinity College, Cambridge, to read history when thousands of far better qualified young people would not stand a chance. John Collins.

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London SW16. HEAR HEAR! 1766 PONTOF ORDER MADAM SPEAKER 119 1. I HEAR ! HERR! 1 ..

Less music maestro, please

long line of well-off profession-als from other fields who, on finding that they rather enjoy classical music, fork out vast amounts to hire an orch and a hall, buy a thin white stick and convince themselves that, by standing on a podium and waving their right arm feebly, they have been transformed into somebody who de-

serves the title "maestro". As a professional singer, it has been my ill luck to sing under several such conduc-tors. This is all the more disheartening when one sees the mass of extremely talented young people who, having studied conducting for years,

OIR Edward Heath (Letters, | their own concerts, depriving July 15) is just another in a | the public of a far more enjoy-

able evening out than the au-diences at Sir Edward's con-certs can have experienced. Many music-lovers would be thrilled to see Sir Edward devote all of his time to poli-tics; perhaps he could have a word with the Arts Council and try to improve grants and funding for those of us who make music our full-time job.
Elizabeth Ling.
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Please include a full postal address and a telephone number on letters. We may edit them; shorter ones are more likely to appear. We regret we cannot are unable to afford to put on acknowledge those not used

ers have an amorous obsession with their victims, and their activities often appear innocent to observers. Any attempt to prove mali-

YOUR eagerness to defend the civil liberties of stalkers (Take time out for stalk they cause a great deal of they cause a great deal of distress and fear to their

victims. Any stalking law primarily needs to take account of the effect the activities have had matter for the courts to deal with when deciding the sever-ity of sentence or whether to

You go on to say: "A run-up to an election is no time to be embarking on such a complex debate." I doubt if the victims of stalking would agree. Janet Anderson MP. House of Commons.

A Country Diary

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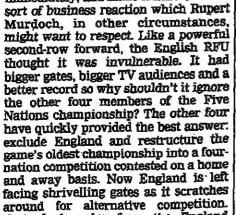
cut swathes through seas of wheat. But early in the mornpattern. High up, on unusually broad slopes above the on the victim. Whether or not the stalker intended to cause as when Charles II shrewdly this upset does not lessen the chose it as a hiding-place) is a harm caused and should be a turn farm, four uninterrupted fields, a hundred acres of mown grass, encircled by val-leys of green, yellow and blue grant a non-molestation crops. One Dutch barn stands by a tall tree and an old roadroller sits in a corner. "A world of its own," said one of the men who work there. Grass thrives in the sandy soil. It takes 18 months or two years from seeding to harvest. The fields are gang-mown every two or three days and

SOMERSET: Farming here | the section to be cut for the generally means cattle, sheep and small fields divided by ancient hedges, not wide prai-ries where giant machines

the section to be cut for the day's deliveries has been mown more closely with a ride-on mower. Four men work the farm with tractors work the farm with tractors, mowers, and a multi-functional juggernaut to make Heath-Robinson jealous. It slices out strips of turf 12 ing I travelled up a mile of pot-holed track, past the burnt-out shell of a car, to burnt-out shell of a car, to adjusted depth, relatively low now because of dry conditions (moist turf may be cut very thin without risk of crumbling). A clattering maze of chains and drive-belts causes a guillotine to bite off each turf at a length of three feet, ready to be drawn up a sloping belt to a system of spindles that wind it into the form of a Swiss roll. A few rolls at a time are taken onto pallets and stowed in the van for delivery. The same seasoned veteran has been cutting and rolling turf for 18 years with only an occasional bearing replaced.

JOHN VALLINS

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rests. The Celtic nations were absolutely right in their response to the English rugby union's £87.5 million deal with BSkyB - unite, retaliate immediately, and make it hurt. Just the learned.

And then there were four . . .

English rugby union counts the cost of taking BSkyB gold

IF THERE'S perfidy in Albion, there is | camp testify to the success of this Celtic move. It is no use English officials insisting they did not know this would happen. They were told it would directly by the other nations as well as by the media. They can hold up their hands but they look as unconvincing as a forward caught stamping by a BBC camera. The broadcasting rights were not England's to sell. It takes two teams to make a match as they have belatedly

There is, as the French have noted, an element of bluff by the Celts. The BBC is not going to be enamoured by a four-nation competition. There will not be much of a fee. So, it's in the interests of all five nations to return to the negotiating table. England, with large Twickenham debts, is now signalling its readiness. Who could blame the Scots for rubbing in some salt - England will have to move quickly. And Yesterday's yelps from the England less arrogantly.

Softly, softly, catchee stalker

ers. Leader, July 11) demonstrates a fundamental misunderstanding of the diffi-culties faced in dealing with this unique type of offender. There are several very sound reasons why the bal-ance of probabilities (the burden of proof) has been less-ened for stalking offences in the provisions of both my bill and the Government's similar proposals published last

week. The majority of stalk-

cious intent by an offender is

Hell - we

Mathew Norman

distress at a Daily Tele-aph interview with his other, I ring Terry Mer-Ball. Terry is un-aviable, says his son Mr. (himself at home with arrived ankle), as he is dding with a broken ber. An hour later be rgs back. The household sms to be in the wars, I Yes, there's been the er and Mark's ankle," is Terry thoughtfully. e trod on a Hoover tube ork. Funnily enough, mother did the same ing years ago, but that as her own fault." Dome ctrauma having occupied is morning, Terry has not ten the Telegraph piece. Inat has upset me is Mr lajor's remark to the

afucy Squirrel girl Petron-lia Wyatt that he found ferry's Major, Major Memories of An Older Brother) "imaginative". Perry pauses. "If she has been accurate, then I'm sure young John meant it sicely. Anyway, I don't think there is anything linaginative in the book, to be honest," Terry con-cludes, "although perhaps John has forgotten the incident with the horse." And upon this cryptic note, we say our farewells. VEN more upsetting,

meanwhile, is the attack on Taki-George in Private Eye. It is sserted that, having served himself over-gener ously on a recent flight from Italy, the Cypriot vine-walter "decided to entertain fellow passenge with readings from his column . . .". And why not, when he's been on such rare form? One recent Sunday Times item explained, for example, why things were much better in Germany under the Nazis. "And when this failed," the Eye story continues, "he regaled everyone with his charming thoughts on Jews. negroes and homosexuals This is absurd. It is inconceivable that Mr Murdoch would risk offending con-tacts in New York by employing a creature with such unpalatable views.

OLLOWING the vote on MPs' salaries, my postbag bulges with enquiries as to whether the charity appeal for the excit-able but penurious Eltham MP Peter Bottomley has been abandoned. No it has not. Until the increases are actually paid, poor Bolmon-dely and Virginia, his wife, must struggle along on a combined salary of a little less than £110,000. Bolmon-dely Relief has made a slow start, in truth, and unless things improve we may be forced to enlist Slade, Mick Hucknall of Simply Red and Suzi Quatro for a charity gig

OMMISERATIONS to the three-year-old who made his first apearance in Lingfield's July Maiden Stakes on Saturday, finishing a disappointing fourth (out of six) behind winner Poddington, having drifted in the betting from 5-2 to 5-1. But then, with hindsight, perhaps Saturday wasn't an auspicious day for Orange Order to make his racing debut.

Y BOOK of the Week is The Dons In The League, an account of the first five seasons in the football league (1977-82) by Stephen Crabtree. Why, you may ask, should this title be serialised at a time when no football at all (even Wimbledon FC's ver-sion) is being played? The answer is simply that this is famously the most corrupt Diary in modern Fleet Street history; and that, al-though money has yet to change hands in this case. Mr Crabtree was at school with me. Hats off, then, to the old-boy network! We begin tomorrow with a brief look at Wimbledon's non-league years, from 1889-1974.

ISSENSION on a level rarely witnessed since 1945 besets the German army. Male soldiers are fighting to ensure that women (of whom there are only 3,000) are stripped of knicker privileges. While men receive Nato standard-issue olive-coloured underpants, their female counterparts are allocated a lavish 450 marks every three years for white knickers. "If a woman wants to be a soldier," one man said, "then she should wear drab



Time to heed the people of Ulster

Commentary

Hugo Young

by and large like other people. They love peace and thirst for order. They want to get on with their lives. For many years, there was doubt about this, The citizens of the ungovernable prov-ince were often seen as accomplices in their own disaster, with an incorrigible taste for sectarian battle. The last two years have made the untruth of such an intelligible preju-dice clear to all the world.

They have exposed Northern Ireland as it wants, with most of its soul, to be. The people have come out of a dark dungeon into the airy

in most cases, began to learn the importance of their personal contribution. They saw the need to coexist, and sustain mutual respect by means of silence: no consensual eu-

This was one side of the Ulster people. The other side — tribalism, suspicion and a capacity for hatred - was beginning to be prudently sup-pressed. Economic advancement was the most tangible reward. The bad side was by no means liquidated, but the compost was being laid down in which political leaders, if so minded, could plant the seeds of a new society, in keeping with the obvious wishes of the best sides of most of the

> What happened last week looked like a grass-roots uprising out of this ordure, the Prods against the Taigs and vice versa. In fact it was an appalling failure by the politicians. Of the many tests of politicians of the many tests of political tests. litical leadership, two are especially relevant to the condition of Ulster. Does the leader seek to bring out the best in the people, or gratify the worst?

And is the leader true to the supreme task of his calling, normality others in these is-lands enjoy, and their delight has been overwhelming.

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They revelled in the peace, prayed for it to continue and. suader for the highest factor of attainable good, or for the lowest denominator of age-old

David Trimble has quickly of stience: no consensual euphoria, but an understanding, the Ulster Unionists. The after 25 years of near-war, that disaster is the greater because makes sense to keep Trimble tentions was, as he admitted,

toleration did not mean | he gives the impression of being a modern man, capable of speaking the kind of lan-guage that reaches beyond the steeples of Fermanagh and Tyrone. Last week, the propor-tion of time Mr Trimble was

prepared to allocate to cultivating the good as opposed to the bad instincts of the people who look up to him reflected badly on his judgment. He seemed scarcely to be trying to defuse the tribalism of the Orange marchers, and his fellow democrat, the Rev Martin Smyth, leader of the Orange

Many of the marchers were, for sure, lovers of the two-year peace. There were probably many who might not have marched at all, certainly not at Drumcree, but were ready to answer the summons their democratic leaders to man the barricades. Charitably, one might say these leaders succumbed to

mob rule with the same abject helplessness as did the Royal Ulster Constabulary. More realistically, one might say they helped to urge it on. Either way, they were a disgrace to the constitutional democracy they ait in the House of Commons to uphold: a default that was treated with remarkably supine and negli-gent silence by the House yesterday, when it met to hear the Northern Ireland Secre-

and his party sweet. The week after their direct complicity in the overturning of law and order in our land is not one of them. But they weren't alone in gratifying the baser in-stincts. Churchmen have the highest duty to avoid capitulation to them, as well as the least need to appeal to voters by indulging in it.

Something drove Cardinal Cahal Daly to break this rule, happened that can only have had an inflammatory effect on any Catholic who heard them. aking from his eminence, the cardinal laid blame exclusively on the British governnent. His tenor was indistinmishable from that of Gerry Adams, and John Bruton was no better.

That is not the cardinal's normal pitch. He has a heroic record as a doer of attempted good over the entire 27-year period of Ulster's present trou-

peace brought to the behaviour of Ulster people turns out not to have happened to their

so-called leaders

The change that

could have been designed to legitimise the worst instincts of the nationalist community at the very time when he should have found words, de-spite the extremity of what happened, to counsel against

There was a third political failure. The state, in the per-son of the Chief Constable, made a grave error of judg-ment. His intelligence about

the Rev Smyth and his friends was something he didn't count on. And, according to the present rules, the decision on the march, both to start it and to stop it, was his call. Sir Patrick insisted on that yesterday, and there's no reason to doubt that the decision was a police and not a political decipolice and not a political deci-sion. Contemplating the ensu-ing catastrophe, however, many people will be bound to ask why. This demarcation line seems sensible in the

Home Countles, less so when the constitution itself, and the very future of a process the mensely in advancing, is at risk.

For Viceroy Mayhew to have stood aside while terror was so suddenly unleashed mon the land was an act of delegation too far, not adequately justified by his post facto defence of every decision the Chief Constable took.

The peace, it is now clearer than ever, owed more to the people than the politicians. It could have been wrecked by the IRA, and one shouldn't take all credit from both London and Dublin for their efforts to sustain it.

But the change that peace brought to the behaviour and expectations of Ulster people turns out not to have happened to their so-called leaders. Faced with a real test, they failed it. They sank back into the style that has brought nothing but futility to Northern Ireland in the entire lifetime of all those who habitually deploy it.

ually deploy it.

The talks, one must hope, will still lead somewhere. They must certainly be at-tempted. If the mass of the people could have their way, some concessions for peace would be worth making on every side. They've tasted what it might be like, But Gerry Adams cannot bear the thought. And nor can David Trimble,

ounded uncharacteristically

threatened. She had been asked to review a specialist

CD-Rom, a compact disc loaded with course work

designed to prepare children

for their first National Cur-

riculum tests. She knew the

CD had something to do with

computers, but the prospect of simply previewing it her-self at a terminal was more

than she felt capable of.
This is someone who joined

a failing school barely three

years ago, has coaxed an initially hostile group of teachers into her way of thinking, earned the respect of despairing parents and has just seen her school pass the grueiling Ofsted inspection with flume

Ofsted inspection with flying

If she thinks she is going to

have problems with a CD-Rom, what hope is there for others, for the pupils at her school? And what does it mean for the prospects of an

online revolution of the sort described by our Minister for

Public Service? Freeman does make one concession.

For those who are not com-

puter literate, he says, the Government will consider

overworked and stressed by the continuing struggle to

make ends meet at the school She does not have the

time or the energy to think about the online revolution. For all the minister's fine

rhetoric, he is addressing the

wrong issues. Yes, the technology does exist to deliver "self-service" government, and a lot more besides. And it

has done for a comparatively long time. The trouble is that

entrapments we have laid — for the days have long gone when all we needed was an apple and a snake in the Enemy's Garden — it makes my blood boil that all the Enemy has to do is to get the poor pathetic creatures to recog-nise His Love. And with no more ade, they can then have

nity — it makes me sick. But what a master stroke on your part to persuade those who wrote the report to get rid of Hell. Of course, people today are too sophisti-cated to be taken in by those old pictures of fire and brim- reveal to you as a junior devil stone, pitchforks and eternal torture by which we diverted them from the frightening reality of hell. Those who do not believe in the Enemy Above (bless them!) imagine that when they die, it is no more than as if a light has switched off. They are alive then nothing. No memories, no reunions, no afterlife, slmply non-being. My very dear-

est Wormhole, I cannot sufficiently express my pride that



N 1941, when the Devil and his angels were busily occupied in the fight to spread fascism throughout the world, an unprecedented security leak caused a corre-spondence between a senior and junior devil to fall into human hands. The finder, CS as The Screwiape Letters, but afterwards steps were taken to prevent a recommendation of the state of the sta to prevent a recurrence of this regrettable lapse, successfully until this weekend, when a letter from Screwball (believed to be the niece of Screwtape) to her partner, Wormhole, fell into the hands of the Guardian.

My dear Wormhole (it reads), Congratulations! A very good effort! I knew it was a good idea of Our Satanic Majesty to make an onslaught on the General Synod, When its members meet in York, there is always a possibility that they will be distracted by their surroundings, leaving the business of debating to others more committed to our omers more committed to our aims. And what better than for them to discuss a report with the ludicrous title "The Mystery Of Salvation".

You and I know only too well that salvation (I can hardly even write the worth for the worth the salvation with the salvation of the salvation of the salvation with the salvation.

is no mystery, but simply the Enemy's way of negating all our efforts. Even to think about it makes me so angry that if I am not careful I shall

a cheap dose of salvation, a free health service for all eter-

you had the genius to per-suade the writers of the report to describe hell as non-

Moreover, you did so in a report of which the Synod was only required to "take note" - a device of their rules of debate which, as you know, has in the past been so beneficial to us in spreading disharmony, disunity and dismay within the Church of England. There is among the members always someone who can be "influenced" to point out that such an action "does not commit the Church to everything in the report", whereas we know the gate has been wedged firmly open to ridicule any speaker who might wish to challenge it we have in any case fimly established in the Synod's thinking the concept that all change is for the good. Of course, I would be the first to admit that we have been helped considerably over the years by the Synod's arrogant assumption that it always knows better than the theologians of two millennia of the Church's history.

To return to Hell. (No, I never make jokes. Yes, I know we are in Hell and cannot return to it, but laughter is for humans.) You and I know

The days have gone when all we needed was an apple and a snake in the Garden

that if I am not careful and turn into a centipede.

When I am mindful of all of non-being is not hell. Hell when the hell of non-being is not hell. Hell of non-being is not hell of non-being is not hell. Hell of non-being is not hell of non-being is not hell. Hell of non-being is not h forsaken him. Hell is to have complete knowledge of the fullness and the beauty and the utter welcome of God's love, and to know that I have

The Enemy has chosen to create these studid creatures in his own image. Not only can they love Him, love their fellow creatures and love the world He has given to them, but He has cutto extraordibut He has quite extraordi-narily given them power to choose whether they love him in return or totally reject him. With the tightened secu-rity we now suffer I cannot whether any creature has made the choice which would being us joy, and made it in the knowledge of what is being rejected. But hell is a reality, even if it is empty.

Your admiring fiend. Screwball The Ven George Austin Is

Switch on the future

The Government is promising an IT revolution in which we pay our taxes online. Beware empty rhetoric, argues Bill O'Neill — no system works without back-up

has a dream. He sees computers as a liberating power and the Internet as a democratic force of unprecedented goodness.

He sees people renewing licences, paying tax, applying for grants and benefits or simply asking for informa-tion — all via their computer screens. At their terminals, they receive "instant, or near-instant" responses to queries. There are touch screens in the high streets

and libraries.
At home, no one talks any more of the television, the phone and the personal computer as separate units. Freeman slumbers fitfully. technology exists to deliver 'self-service government' to both the public and businesses," he murmurs.

waking up in a sweat. That will teach him to enjoy the Bastille celebration so resoundingly. The resul is the promise of an autum Green Paper on information technology that will set out a prospectus for a "new era". This technological fantasy is breathtaking from a government that has so stead fastly refused to invest in the country's infrastructure tions infrastructure of high speed data links carried by speed data this carried by optical fibre — and that has sought to stir such a fundamental revolution in electronic liberation through market forces alone.

When BT wanted government help to put Britain in the vanguard of those states pursuing the advantages of the information superhigh-way, not for wholly altruistic reasons it has to be said, the company was told to look

Despite the hype about the tens of millions, perhaps hundreds of millions of people surfing the Internet, and the race to turn this truly astonishing technology into a corporate playground. raw data from market researchers paints an altogether different picture. At the end of last year, machines to go online - all



fewer than one in four households in Britain owned a per-sonal computer. Most people bought them to play games, to do the family finances or as an educational tool. Few, very few, used their powerful

that happens at work, for I to the Internet. In the US, the those fortunate enough to use a connected terminal in their job. A generous estimate suggests that barely I per cent of households in Britain (that is, fewer than around half a teacher of a small inflants' million people) have access school in north London

you cannot just press a button or fall asleep and ex-pect people to be online and computer literate in one step. Without a sound base of computer literates throughout the workforce, from shop floor to boardroom, the online revolution will turn into a nightmare.

Bill O'Neill is editor of the

Why Kamlesh Bahl must go

Donna Covey condemns the chair of the Equal Opportunities Commission for her betrayal of the women's movement

Kamlesh Bahi has been chair for three years but one of her first decisions, to shift the emphasis away from women's equality to "gender equality". is now bearing fruit.

ender organisation, no as a women's organisation" She talks about putting women's

NYONE who thought | seems to mean turning the A the Equal Opportunities attention of the EOC to distribution against men. She's spent the last couple of weeks trumpeting the fact that, for the first time ever, more men than women are complaining to the Commission about unfair treatment in the job market. Move over

She talks about "achieving darling, it's our turn now.
profile of the EOC as a No one would deny that many men get a raw deal today. But it's still a man's world. There is a difference issues "in the context of in-equality" — a move which equality for women. Women

still do the dirtiest, most boring johs for the lowest wages We still do much of the housework and most of the nappychanging. The success of a handful of privileged women in breaking through the pro-fessions basn't changed that. And when the Equal Oppor-Changing it must be the main priority of the EOC.

But Kamlesh Bahl's prior-ities are quite different. Only recently the Commission obeted to plans by Exeter local authority to set aside car parking for women only. Last week it was revealed that the EOC had complained to Bri-tannia road rescue about its policy of giving priority to lone women drivers. It con-sidered these issues were the top priority. Not the necessity of ensuring that women take

the EOC last year were from men who thought they had been discriminated against in their search for a job. But nearly 90 per cent of complaints about equal pay came from women, and 99 per cent of complaints about familyrelated discrimination at work came from women.

tunities Commission starts giving credence to the idea that the balance has been redressed, less savoury organisations are bound to follow. On Friday, Conservative Party chairman Brian
Mawhinney dismissed Opposition plans to appoint a Cabinet minister for women as

Simoly papers are another
two Party chairman Brian
The focus of any equal-opportunities organisation must
be about redressing the bal-"politically tokenism".

Anyone who has the time to read the papers will know that there's been an explosion of articles about men's rights. But it's too early for a backan equal place in society. lash. Women's rights are in It may well be that more danger of becoming yester-

than half of the complaints to | day's issue. We must not let it

nappen.
True, society is changing. There has been a very subtle shift in the balance of power in our country so that women have better treatment in some areas. We do have improved opportunities, and some of us have benefited from them. Thousands of women in the UK have had no more opportunities than their mothers had, and the debates in the women's glossy magazines and the lifestyle pages of the Sunday papers are another

fair treatment is not the same as unequal treatment. Move over Kamlesh; you think it's all over - but it isn't.

Donna Covey is the GMB



In a country of dreams

screenplay of Breaking Away, the glow of Hollyocod ap-proval at the ceremony sig-nalled that the American dream had come true for him. A line that Tesich, who died of a heart attack, wrote for a character in his Broadway play, *Division Street* — "I was born in the old country, but my dreams were born in

lives" — was a theme that ran through most of his work as a screenwriter and playwright. Born Stoyan Tesich in Titova Uzice, Yugoslavia, he was among the most autobio-graphical of fiction writers. His father, a professional sol-dier who opposed Marshal Tito's accession to power, fled to America after the second world war, leaving his young son and daughter behind with their mother. The family reunited in 1957 in East Chicago, Indiana, where Tesich's father was working as a ma-chinist. Small town Indiana is the setting for two of Tesich's best screenplays, Breaking Away (1979) and Four Friends

America. The dream ... it

Tesich was 14 at the time he left Yugoslavia, and did not speak a word of English. But as he later recalled: "As soon as I started learning English, it was almost as though I had a tuning fork in me that could respond to the language and the country." He got to Indiana University on a wrestling scholarship — college wres is distillusioned when an Ital-tling features strongly in The lan team comes to town.

cling, the sport at the centre of Breaking Away.

The latter film reflected on the lives of four 19-year-old boys, sons of the stone cutters of the town of Bloomington, and the prejudice they suffer at the hands of the WASPish college kids at Indiana Uni-versity. "At 16, they call it sweet 16. At 18, you get to drink, to vote, to see dirty movies: What the hell do you get when you're 19?" asks one of the boys, in limbo between

The script was a study of what it was like to grow up in America in a culture to which

your parents do

not directly relate

high school and work. The film revolves around Dave (Dennis Christopher), a cy-cling fanatic who shaves his legs and pretends to be Italian, which drives his used-car the most original and amus-ing elements in the screen-play is the contrast between the Italian persons that Dave has created for himself, and the typical American small town that surrounds him. In the end, however, Dave

for the screen — but his ath- | He drops his Italian mannerletic interests turned to cy- isms and becomes what he is, "a cutter, and proud of it." sciousness, not a frequent raised and then ironed away at the end of the movie. But

the British-born director Peter Yates explained why he was attracted to Tesich's screenplay. I was fed up with people saying it must be so nice living in a country with no class distinction. There's America than anywhere

Four Friends, set in the 1960s, is rooted firmly in the old immigrant dream of America as the land of oppor-tunity, though there is a certain cynicism in the script. "America was not built, it is a dream!" cries the Yugoslav-born hero, who works in an iron foundry, and rails against industrial complacency. Earlier, his attempts to abandon his immigrant origins by marrying into the WASP establishment lead to

tragedy.
Tesich himself was married to Becky Fletcher with happier consequences. Though Arthur Penn's direction lacked clarity, Tesich's script was an insightful study of the immigrant mentality, and what it was like to grow up in America in a culture to which your parents do not directly

In the 1970s, before he began to write for the movies. Tesich authored a number of heavily symbolic plays for the American Place Theater in which he explored similar themes, such as the fragmendidn't know," Dave says tation of the family in Ameri-was no doubt that Tesich was weeping in his father's arms. can society and the gap be-deeply affected in his final



Making a fiction from autobiography . . . Steve Tesich on the set of Breaking Away

tween rich and poor. In 1989 | years by the calamitous situa-he went back to the stage with The Speed of Darkness, about returning veterans of the written two other screenplays Vietnam war, and two pessimistic futuristic parables, Square One and The Open Road. His last play, Arts and Leisure, which ran last month off-Broadway, was about a theatre critic, representing the average American, unable to get involved in life. There

for Peter Yates. Eyewitness also known as The Junitor (1980), was an above-average Hitchcockian homage, which starred a bespectacled Wil-liam Hurt lusting for a woman outside his class; in *Eleni* (1985), a New York Times reporter (John Malkovich) is determined to discover the truth about his peasant moth-

er's death during the Greek Civil War in the 1940s. Through delving into the past in a foreign country, the journalist learns how to live in the present in America — a lesson Steve Tesich attempted to teach through his tragically curtailed career.

jan conducting. The Nazis

had sent someone to hear it.

was anti-Nazi and said that he and Boris Blacher always

drank a sip of Schnapps

whenever the Nazis lost a

His career really took off

after 1947 when Danton's Death was premiered at the

Salzburg Festival Influenced

very much of this century

However, he always com-

Austria's avant-garde.

I developed a very close

more like father and son -and we used to call each other

recently been somewhat ne-

battle.

Douglas Chapman

The ways of the whales

F THE world's marine ally fulfilled in a draftic mammals — seals, sea vote in the IWC a decade er. mammals — seals, sea lions, sea otters, whales and dolphins — survive human depredations and envi-ronmental malpractices far into the third millenium they will carry a debt to Douglas Chapman, who has died aged 76, for his efforts to restrain their slaughter for profit. Professor Chapman was a bio-mathematical statistician of world-wide repute. The tools of his trade were mathe-

matics, cool reason and integ-rity, allied with calm compas-sion and a gentle but firm Although born and raised in Although born and raised in Canada, Chapman's professional career was centred mainly on the Universities of Washington and of California at San Diego. He served on innumerable official scientific panels, but his name is associated overselved.

ated especially with the US Marine Mammal Commission created by Congress and the White House in the environmentally heady years of the early 1970s. He served as its chairman (a presidential appropriate of the congress) from 1975 to 1981 pointment) from 1976 to 1981 and thereafter, until the end of 1993, on its committee of scien-Outside the US Chapman is

best known for his contribu-tions to the work of several inter-governmental organisa-tions charged with the regulation of fisheries and the conservation of marine mammals, particularly the In-ternational Whaling Commis-sion (IWC) whose scientific committee he led from 1965 to

Doug Chapman was first confronted with the machinations within the IWC in 1960. That year, with two other mathematically-minded scientists — Dr K Radway Allan and myself — he was asked to participate in a "special com-mittee of three" to provide advice to that unruly body on what might be a sustainable annual catch of fin whales in Antarctic waters which would at the same time permit the recovery of the depisted popu-lations of that species, the second biggest of the "great whales" and then the main-

stay of the whaling industry. With Chapman as its spokesman the special com-mittee presented its findings to the IWC in 1963, but these were instantly rejected by the Douglas G Chapman, biomathe-1943 with Herbert von Karawhaling nations, especially sidered the committee's pro and he told Goebbels that the posals to be unacceptably conpiece had jazz rhythms — so servative. There followed it was never played again dur-ing the Nazi period. Gottfried several years of battle be tween the whaling and nonwhaling nations in the IWC, during which time the fin whales continued their decline to near extinction (the huge blue whale had already been virtually exterminated). and the industry moved on to exploit the smaller set whale and, eventually, the even

by early Bertok, Stravinsky and his teacher Blacher, Gottfried's musical architecture is THE SPECIAL committee was the first to try to apply simple mathe posed in the tonal system and matics to data coming from the operations of the whaling industry, using adap-tations of methods developed was never seen as an avant-garde composer. Indeed, when I conducted his Opus 22 in Vienna two years ago, I got Einem to shake hands — for by its three members in relation to conventional fisheries. the first time - with Friedrich Cerha, the founder of We thought at the time that we were indeed being "conservative", but not unreasonably so. It subsequently turned out that our advice had unwitfriendship with Gottfried tingly been anything but con servative, because our biologist colleagues showed that the rate of reproduction of whales was only half of what glected, but from his first

we had thought it was. The refusal of the major whaling nations to act on scientific advice, and cut their killing before it was too late, eventually led to the demands in 1972 (at the UN Conference on the Human Environmen in Stockholm) for a moratorium on all commercial whaling, demands which after eated failures were eventu-

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courage of his convictions they evolved with experier. He demonstrated rigorous that steady declines in numbers of whales in the could not be proven conc sively, until too late, becau of the great uncertainties the estimates of those nu bers. In 1979 he joined a few the IWC scientific committee ... the problems of (manage solved that the only appropriate way to assure (whale stocks are not over-exploits is through a moratorium" a proposed then by Australi and the US. And in the critica year of 1982, with scientifi-colleagues from Australia France and the Republic o Seychelles, he strongly reiter

HUS Chapman helped to pioneer what is now called the "precaution-ary principle", involving reversal of the traditional burden of proof of environ-

mental damage.
In the years following the IWC's vote in favour of a moratorium on commercial whaling Chapman consistently poured reasoned scorn on the unprincipled manner in which a few countries — Japan, Norway and Iceland continued commercial whal-ing, albeit on a reduced scale, thiny disguised as "taking sci-

entific samples". Wherever the venue of IWC annual meetings, Chapman was renowned for his habit of hiring a bike as soon as he arrived. This mode of transport and pleasure was, sadly, to prove his undoing in 1990 he was struck by a hit-and-run car driver and never recovered from the multiple injuries he sustained.

Professor Chapman is survived by his widow, Isobel, three daughters — Patricia Sheila and Christine — and two grandchildren.

Sidney J Holt

metical statistician, born March

Death Notices

AGAR, John Rewton retired Reader in Physical Chemistry, University of Combridge, Pictow Emeritus, Stdney Sussect College, Hischand of Delia Margarit Ager, Fellow Emeritus, Richard Sussect Carlege, Hischand of Delia Margarit Ager, Fellow Emeritus, Rechman College died in Carribridge July 11th 1996.

Bill. Berg, Jehn Rubens of Karyon Hall near Wartington on 11th July pascetully after a short librate, aged 35. Funeral at Nevolutrath, Ontonetions III desired to RNLI Enquiries to Co-operative Funeral 35-revious. Beway Road, Wartington 01925 445565.

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KEAVEY, To Dominic and EIR, 4 daughter on July 14th. Dec Gratine. To place your announcement telephone 0171 713 4567. Fax 0171 713 4129.

Birthdays

Prof Anita Brookner, novel-ist and art historian, 58; Mar-garet Court, former Wimble-don champion, 54; John Chilton, jazz trumpeter, com-poser, 64; Alan Donnelly, MEP, 38; Barry Dudleston, cricket umpire, 51; Frank Field, Labour MP, 54; Prof Sir Hugh Ford, FRS, me-chanical engineer, 83; Sir John Freeland, QC, judge, European Court of Human Rights, 68; Shirley Hughes, author and illustrator, 69; former deputy speaker, House of Lords, 81; Thomas Me-gahy, MEP, 67; Edward Miller, former master, Fitz-william College, Cambridge, 81; Mary Parkinson, broadcaster, 57; Lord (Reg) Prentice, former Labour and Con-servative minister, 73; Prof Sir Philip Randle, biochemist, 70; Corin Redgrave, actor, 57; Tom Rosenthal, publisher, 61; John Warr, former president, MCC, 69; Diana Warwick, independent member, the Nolan Committee, chief executive, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, 51; Dr Trevor Williams, scientific consultant, 75; Sir George Young MP, Secretary of State for Transport, 55; Pinchas Zukerman, violin-

Letter

L W Clarke writes: Your obit-uary of Lt Col Kaulback (July 13) was first class. But please, if you need in the future to refer to the allied forces advancing easterwards from Algeria, please give credit to the British 1st Army — under General Anderson. I was there, My "Africa Star" has a 1st Army clasp. Incidentally, in February 1948, the Americans were in retreat at Kassarine and the British 6th Armoured division - part of the 1st Army — had to go in and repair the damage!

Gottfried von Einem

Mixing and matching the score

aged 78, was the senior creative figure in Austrian music in the post-war era. Though his music was fundamentally conservative, and regarded as outdated by the avant-garde composers that succeeded him, he was - as a composer. teacher and administrator a dominant figure in Austrian musical life for almost half a century.

He wrote in almost every musical genre, though most of his orchestral works were responses to commissions, and his posthumous reputation operas, and particularly on three of them, Danton's Death (1946), The Trial (1953), and The Visit of the Old Lady (1971). The last of these — premiered at the Vienna State Opera — was staged at Glyn-debourne in 1973 and 1974, and is due to be seen in a new production for the New York City Opera next year. Von Einem was born in Berne, where his father was military attache in the Aus-trian Embassy. He was edu-

cated in Germany and then studied languages in England, and in 1938 became a repetiteur at the Berlin Staatsoper and at the Bayreuth Festival. Between 1941 and 1943, he studied composition privately with Boris Blacher, whose own music had been con-demned as "degenerate" by the Nazis, and who later pro-vided the librettos for four of his pupil's stage works. Von Einem's own position in the Third Reich was precarious; he was arrested and interrogated by the Gestapo experiences surfaced later in The Trial, his opera based on

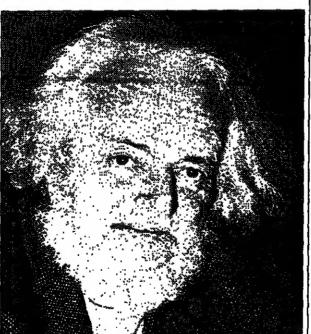
continued to be heard during the war years, and his ballet

acquire an international rep-utation when Salzburg staged the premiers of Danton's Death, and Von Einem became the festival's musical administrator in 1948; later he moved to Vienna and was a director of the festival there from 1960 to 1964. He taught at the Vienna Musik Hochschale from 1963 to 1974, where

Authors, Composers and

After the war he began to in his early stage works, other elements of those pieces, their raw rhythmic energy and stark dynamics have a lot in common with his contemporaries and friends such as Werner Egk and Carl

Elsewhere his music has a neo-classical clarity. Like his teacher Blacher, jazz inflections find their way into



Gottfried von Einem . . . music with a neo-classical clarity

OTTFRIED von and he helped a number of he was a professor of compo many of his instrumental before his death to his Con-Einem, who has died musicians to escape from sition, and became president works. But Von Einem's apcerto for Orchestra and heard of the Austrian Society of proach was essentially a synagain the adagio, the second come to say goodbye. But this was the piece of music that opened his career, which was first performed in Berlin in

Publishers.
Through his composing life, others that were unashem-The Princess Turandot, first Von Einem's music was fun-performed in Dresden in 1944, established his musical flirted with the expression-credentials. Schoenberg and Berg ture but it worked for him. and gave Von Einem's music a great popular appeal in his native country. His first wife was Laura

Von Bismarck. His second wife, the author Lotte Ingrisch, survives him, along with his son Caspar Einem who is Austria's Minister of the Interior.

Gottfried von Einem in 1963 when he offered post-graduate study to student composers in Vienna. I had first heard his music when I was 13 and wanted to meet him. I had been impressed that here was an Austrian composer whose music was related to Stravin sky. At that time in Austria, sauerkraut music — I didn't like that and to discover Gottfried's music was an inspire tion to a young musician.

I remember going to his flat, taking a hag filled with my own scores. He told me that I had developed my own language, but that he would like to talk to me about what is important about music and something was missing in an artist who didn't care about politics. To get to his penthouse studio, you had to climb up some steep steps; and Gottfried always carried two bottles of the best red wine imaginable - one in each pocket.

When I listened the night | 12, 1996

composition to his last breath he went on composing clever intelligent music; he devel oped his own voice and never changed it. He had character: he never looked to right or left, he just went on

Gottfried von Einem, composer, born January 24, 1918; died July

Jackdaw



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THE ACT of clicking creates virtual reality, shapes it, makes it more dense, more visible, more accessible to self and others. A popular web site is a spiritual beacon for netizens, visible around the globe, attracting children and adults, men and women, individuals and groups, communicating with them, bringing them together through the communal mind of shared information and activities, thus transcending demographic and ethnic

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the novel by Franz Kafka

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Old notes

HOOKED on Herbert Herbert von Karajan is God. I am 82 and have listened to his recordings all day and

throughout the night for over thirty years. I start at 6 am with something gentle, nor-mally Bruckner Eight. Then for elevenses I play his Also Sprach Zarathustra and lunch is wonderful with Mahler's resurrection. For tea I like a spot of The Planets — his VPO version naturally — and as a regular reader of Classic CD I cannot understand why you don't have more articles on his genius. Proof that to some people,

music is the food of life, in Classic CD. Thanks to reader Bill Slack.

New notes

WORDS and music are ex-pressed by symbols which are represented within the structure of the garden. Musical and computer keyboard paths and seats are practical. yet striking and unusual, in stained timber and slate. Two large and dramatic dry-stone walls have been built in the shape of a treble clef and question mark, both enclosing pools and lush planting. The garden is divided into

two, with a vivid purple and

green planting scheme in the Radio 2 area and more subtle blues and greens for Radio 4 to represent the contrasting characters of the two networks. The result is a visually striking and original theatre which has to work hard as well as look pretty. BBC Radio 4 and Radio 2 are obviously of the belief that

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tising the garden.

music has more to do with

plants and growing than food.

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Moove on

MOOTOWN - A call by the Bossy Federation of America (BEOA) has directed all cows natonwide to stop grazing and giving milk. The strike tool effect at noon yesterday. Farmers report cows just standing in the fields and not cheving anything. This moning's milk was moderately successful, but farmers report that in a few days udders will be dry.

The BFOA feels that a strile is needed to stop the endless slaughter of cows in this treat country. this treat country of ours. The cite the nation of India where cows have more rights than people. Three major dairus in Wisconsin experiencedrioting with cows over-

turning milk trucks and picketing local supermarkets, restaurants and school cafete-rias. The BFOA has declared war on the American cow eating diet and will not moove until America changes its eating habits. Their unofficial leader, Alice Cowpone stated, "Milk will flow in this country only when America becomes a nation of plant, chicken and fish eaters."

A major graze is being or-ganized for July in Washing-ton DC, where cows from all over this country will try to get Cowgress to to pass a civil ights for cows.
Remember to love one an

udder and the grass is never greener on the other side. It is only surprising this morement has not spread to Britain. Cow news at the Daily Cow zine http://pages.prodigy-.com/NJ/vpvz40a2

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Bears out on Wall Street

Mark Tran in New York

EARS that the bull Street is coming to a sudden halt hen the stock market lunged more than 150 points, half-hour before the close. The catalyst for the latest all was a profits warning from Applied Materials, the world's largest maker of semi-

conductor equipment. The Dow Jones index reached an all-time high of 5833 on May 23 but has suffered from severe nerves over the past few days. By late afternoon the Dow was

Mark Milner and

prestigious inward

investment projects last night, when Siemens and

Hyundai said they might de-

lay or scale back projects be-cause of a glut in semiconduc-

In a move that will stun the North-east of England, Sie-

mens, the German electronics and engineering company, revealed that it was review-

ing all capital spending on

semiconductor production — including a £1.1 billion invest-

ment on Tyneside — as a result of the slump in prices for chips. And the Korean group Hyundai said that it

might delay making a long-ex-pected investment in a UK

arch-rival, the LG group, announced that it was to make

Europe's largest single investment by spending £1.7 billion

to make cathode ray tubes

and semiconductors in south Wales, creating more than

The Siemens investment.

won for the North-east after

intervention by the Prime Minister, John Major, and his

Buath Motors

one week after Hyundai's pendent

Technology companies

EARS that the bull were in the firing line with inaction wall is street is coming to a studen halt in Street in the firing line with inaction wall studen halt in the initial slide on Wall in Street was triggered last week when Hewlett-Packard and Motorola warned of sluggish sales. But uncertainty has been gripping the markets for several months following unexpectedly robust unemploy-ment figures, which have sent long-term interest rates surg-

ing to 7.18 per cent.

"The numbers from Motorola and H-P, and now Applied
Materials, are the disaster du
jour," said Charles Smith,
money manager at Ft Pitt
Canital Manager

Chip glut puts new

UK projects at risk

was to create 1,800 jobs in two phases. State aid worth

£45 million in grants, training

and infrastructure spending

were used to entice the com-

pany to Britain. But Siemens's finance di-

mann, said yesterday that

capital expenditure programme in semiconductors and "the trends in the sec-

tor". Although he declined to

comment on the UK investment specifically, Dr Bau-mann said: "We are looking at all projects." The review encompasses price and

investment in the plant at Hadrian Business Park on North Tyneside began lest

year. The first phase was to create 1,000 jobs, cost DMI.5 billion (now £838 mil-

lion) and come on stream next

developments.

Building work on the first

phase is almost complete, and on the existing schedule Sie-

mens will start installing ma-

chinery in November.
Asked if the first phase of

the Tyneside development

was too near completion to be

halted, Dr Baumann replied:

"Theoretically you can always stop something.

plant because of over-capacity in the industry.

The Siemens review comes DMI billion, was always de-

the group was examining its the semiconductor market capital expenditure pro-could delay an announce-

bomb is going to come from, and they're selling first and asking questions later."

The Nasdaq market, where many of the high flying inter-

net-related tech stocks are listed, was in free full and is from its high. For many analysts, the

present correction is long overdue as the US stock market has not suffered a 10 per cent drop in six years, the longest stretch without such a retreat. Analysis warned that the Dow Jones can expect an-other 5 per cent drop if fears of a 10 per cent fall are fulfilled.

ness decision has to be seen." Meanwhile, Hyundai Elec-

tronics Industries said it was likely to go ahead with a long-expected \$1.3 billion (£838 mil-

lion) semiconductor plant,

probably at Dunfermline in Scotland, but warned that a slowdown in the growth of

ment. Park Chang Jong, a di-

rector of the electronics div-

ision, said in Secul that a

Hyundai study group had visited Scotland last week.

Hyundai imports chips from Korea to sell to the many computer companies based in the UK and Ireland.

A spokesman for the UK busi-

ness said the manufacturing

investment was still likely to

go shead, although there was no fixed time scale.

plunged as new capacity came on stream just as the growth

to increase demand for com-

puter memory, but its hike-

warm reception meant that growth failed to materialise.

One industry source said the

price for four megabytes of

memory had fallen from \$125

to \$25 in the past year. Prices are now likely to stabilise

and demand is set to rise.

in personal computer abated. The launch of l

market soft Windows 95 was forecast

Semiconductor prices have

disappointed this quarter, she predicted. She also expressed concern that many investors

Prudential Securities. Coca-Cola was hit by the downdraft, even though it reported a 17 per cent increase in second-quarter earnings, meeting analyst

expectations.
"That's no turn on," said
Mr Wachtel. "What the market needs is some inspiration You're not coing to get that by hitting the numbers. You have to beat them," Among stocks investors will be watching closely this week will be Intel and Apple. Gail Dudack, market strate

bank, to the Senate banking Earlier, jitters on Wall

had borrowed money to buy shares and, as they are forced

to pay back their margin calls, that will reinforce the

market's downward spiral. Further volatility is ex-

perted over the next 43 hours

in the run-un to crucial testi-

mony from Alan Greenspan,

about another negative surprise that could turn the market down," said Larry Wachtel, a market analyst at Productal Security over constantly rising corporate profits. Investors will be index has now fallen by almost 70 points since last

Most experts in have taken the view in recent weeks that UK equity mar-kets have now "decoupled" from their US equivalents because British shares have failed to enjoy the same unbroken run as Wall Street. However, one trader said

that if Wall Street continued chairman of the Federal to fall, the after-effects would Reserve. America's central be felt this side of the Atlanbank, to the Senate banking tic. He went on: "Everyone is watching Wall Street and, if it continues to fall, then we're

Notebook

No-lose myth is finally exploded



Alex Brummer

ation has largely been a no-lose game for the private investor. Even in cases of a share price dip, such as that which followed the second-tranche sell-off of PowerGen and National Power, recovery was not long in coming, despite the regulator's ill-timed price review.

In the case of British Energy, the 600,000 or so small investors who wrote their cheques ahead of learning that two plants had been shut and problems discovered at Sizewell B, which is closed for routine inspection, this flotation has turned into a poten tial nightmare.

While shareholders sit help lessly waiting for their part-paid share certificates to arrive, the capital they have put up is shrinking before their eyes. Only those with privileged access to private client brokers have any realistic chance of dumping the shares before the certificates arrive. Despite apparent efforts by

the brokers to the issue to smooth the fall, the share ended up last night at 94p, having come back from a low of 90p, 10 per cent down on the subscription price. Plainly, this was not a propitious moment to launch as difficult an issue as British Energy, given the uncertainty on Wall Street, where the view is that the bull market is

coming rapidly to an end.

Ideally, every new laste would be sold into a rising not have provided, a sufficient floor under this issue: there is now a strong view among senior analysts that while there are so many operational uncertainties BE shares could drift down to 70p — a 30 per cent loss for the private investor. Proponents of the issue such as energy minister Tim Eggar and BE chief executive Robert Hawley may suggest that the dividend provides ample compensation, but there will be a long wait and much anxiety before it

This issue always appeared doomed. The yield to the Exchequer has been ratcheted down to the point that the money being collected by the Government (even if the 1700 million of debt on the belance sheet is included) is far less than the cost of building Sizewell B.

The economics of running sensitive nuclear power stations at high levels and for extended lives were always dodgy, as the recent mishaps at Hunterston, Ayrshire, and Hinckley Point B, Somerset, Sizewell B, have demon-

The Government has brazenly placed its own interests above those of small shareholders and will have alienated a new chunk of voters in the process. The BE pripayers alike.

Taxing times

HETHER it is £4 billion or £10 billion a year, tax avoidance costs Britain dear. But the Labour Party has its hands full in attempting to clamp dium-sized companies which play fast and loose with the VAT rules.

As we report on page 5, the Labour Party's 25-strong hit squad would be up against the cleverest exponents of the great tax avoidance game played by the mega-multina-tionals such as Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation. But News is by no means alone.
Just remember Lord Hanson's reputation for tax wizards during the 1980s. Or look at the debate over the attempt by the drugs group Glaxo Wellcome to continue exploiting the tax advantages of its Singaporem subskilaries.

All large international corporations seek to minimise their tax bills within the rules, but sometimes push those rules to the limit. Unlisteral action against some of the avenues they use would be counterproductive, however, and unified action with other countries almost impossible.

What country, for example, would risk ending tax relief on investment? And refusing to allow past losses against cur-rent tax would be an invitation

to even greater short-termism.

There could be a firmer approach on specific issues such as capital gains but the most elegant solution would be for governments to insist that all transactions (including financial ones) between group com-panies be for bonafida busi-ness, rather than tax avoidance, purposes. Defining "business purpose" would,

Exploiting the tinlest differ ence between tax regimes is the bread and butter of hun-dreds of the costlinet legal and The Labour Party is right to direct its attentions here. But history shows that attempts to seal one loophole simply open

Better branding

BAT Industries' decision to bring its financial services business, Threadneedle Street Asset Manage ment, Allied Dunbar and Ragia Star under one umbrella seems a sensible move which will save costs, provide a better springboard for global expan-

plainer branding.
It may also tempt BAT into It may also tempt BAT into some expansion of its insurance interests, perhaps through purchase of another mutual or even Lloyds Abbey Life, now that it is publicly distancing itself from buying a building society.

In a world of huge new financial houses, like the Hali-fax and Lloyds TSB, even an operation the size of the new British American Financial Services cannot afford to stand still if it wants to remain

Names back key part of Lloyd's £3bn rescue deal Pauline Springett

LOYD'S of Landon yes terday took two giant strides towards securing its future when its Names endorsed a key plank of its 23.2 billion rescue deal and also rejected moves by dissi-dents to radically alter the reconstruction plan. . In a landmark vote at

Lloyd's annual meeting at the Royal Festival Hall, London, Names overwhelmingly agreed to pay £440 million to help fund the proposed £3.2 billion settlement offer. The levy, which is refund-able, will come from the profits earned in 1993-5.

Lloyd's was still counting the votes last night and the exact results will not be available until this morning. But the levy was supported by more than 90 per cent of the per cent of the total possible

Lloyd's chairman, David Rowland, said: These results | vidual settlement offers. are a ringing endorsement of our plan. I am very pleased that the membership has shown such massive support sate the Names, many of for these contributions. They whom have been brought to are an essential building the brink of penury.



reconstruction of Lloyd's." Earlier Mr Rowland told the 3,000 Names present that their endorsement of the levy was crucial because it would be the first public signal of whether the rescue deal would succeed. The Names have until the end of August to accept or reject their indi-

Lloyd's lost £8 billion in 1988-92 and the settlement offer is designed to compen-

At past armual meetings they have vented their anger at Mr Rowland and his team. more disgruntled Names forced Lloyd's to hold an extraordinary general meeting after the AGM. The rebels wanted a raft of fundamental changes to the rescue deal, including a 2 per cent levy on the profits of the market for

the next 15 years.

One of the leading rebels, Alan Porter, who is deputy chairman of the Lloyd's Party, said the offer was still seriously inadequate and un-fair. He warned that some of the Names' action groups were planning to fight on after the reconstruction deal

has been finalised.
"I am told that the case for fraud in the form of bad faith and reckless misrepresentation against Lloyd's has gathered sufficient strength for it to be endorsed for the first time by leading counsel dur-ing the past few days," said to 5,000 Names were likely to

But the resolutions were rejected by 80 per cent of the



Dan Atkinson

RARELY does the Dis-ney magic shine on an organisation as associated with the mun-danities of road-mending when it does so, the company is surely entitled to make what it can of the happy оссиг<mark>телсе.</mark>

But, in its attempts to publicise Pocahontas Island, Virginia - once home of the eponymous indian princess — Tarmac has learned that history means different things to different people. In England, the news that

Tarmac is selling the 850acre island on the James River has generated great interest. After all, Pocahontas is a direct ancestor of Countess Mountbatten and is buried in the churchyard of St George's, Gravesend.

She is practically one of ried John Rolfe, one of the which it us and it seems only fitting colonists, although the site, that a famous British com-

the Dutch Gap, to be dug the length of the island.

Nevertheless, the island was, without doubt, the site of the second settlement, the first hospital and the first university in the New World. Tensions between settlers and the Powhatan Indians eased after the princess Pocahontas mar-

pany should own the island that takes her name. Or supposedly takes her name. I John Smith is open to doubt, to say the least. Pocahontas, married as Lady Rebecca Rolfe, trav-elled to England, was received at the court of King James and died in 1617.

Back in Virginia, the centuries rolled by, sand and gravel were quartied on the island and Tarmac took charge in the early 1980s. With the quarries exhausted, Tarmac is looking for a buyer, for about 21 million; Chesterfield county, the Virginia state government and the US Nature Conservancy are all taking a keen interest in the (now uninhabited) island's future, with a wild-life reserve the most fa-

voured use of the site. And a name that can unite all those with an his-

NE in four local chemist shops could close if resale price mainte-nance (RPM) on medicines is abolished, according to management consultants commissioned by the Community Pharmacy Action Group. Campaign leaders dis-missed claims by supermarket group Asda, which

has vigorously attacked price maintenance for giving excess profits to manufacturers and distributors. "We refute totally the sug-

gestion that megabucks are being made anywhere in this market," said Tim Astill, di-rector of the National Pharmaceutical Association,

which represents community

counter medicines because of for dispensing prescriptions. But Asda stuck to its guns, saying there was excess profit of £1.26 on a pack of branded paracetamol selling at £1.75. The company said that only 40 out of 7,500 GPs who replied to an Asda mailing said they did not support "the maintenance".

pharmacies. He said that local

harmacists make almost half

A study by consultants De-loitte and Touche concluded that between 1,153 and 2,232 pharmacies are already under threat because of low profitability.

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BAT plans to roll up its financial services

Lisa Buckingham

AT, whose interests range from tobacco to insurance, yesterday revealed plans to roll its financial ser-vices businesses into one company in an attempt to drive up its market share and

mation of a similar umbrella company for its worldwide tobacco business — said it In addition to producing will create British & Ameri savings of about £50 million a can Financial Services to co- year, the new organisation is sum products expects ordinate the operation of designed to sliminate overlap.

brands such as Allied Dunbar | between the financial ser and Eagle Star in the UK as well as Farmers in America. The move follows pressures on its financial services busi-

ness caused by market compe-tition, particularly from direct telephone sellers. Last year, the three UK-based companies, which also include asset management The group — which earlier group Threadneedle, contrib-this year announced the for- uted £370 million to the group's £2.4 billion prof-

vices companies and to differ entiate their market position to enhance growth and prof-Although the emphasis will

America. In Britain, the co plans to develop Thread needle as a global investment retail business aimed at "serious investors" with lump sum products expected to pro-

be on the UK market, BAFS intends to invest to expand in Asia as well as in Europe. South Africa and South

In Virginia it is a differ ent story. A local Tarmac employee, rung from head office in the UK for details of Pocahonias Island, was baffled. Then the penny, or cent, dropped: "You mean the Dutch Gap." Despite the 1995 Disney

hit, it seems the island is better known in the US as a strategic pivot in the Civil War. Confederate forces used the island to ambush Union ships; Union troops took control and a com-mander ordered a canal,

torical interest? Farrar's Island, the name that appears on the map and by which the colonists knew the site, would seem to fit

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Chancellor cools pre-election giveaway fever ● Happiness for house sellers ● Sharing system worries investors

Despite fresh signs of strength in the housing market and on the high street, the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, holds out the prospect of further interest rate

Tax cuts hit borrowers, says Clarke

cuts still to come . . .

E Chancellor, Kenneth Clarks, warned MPs yesterday that tax giveaways in November's budget could scup-per hopes of pre-election in-terest rate cuts.

Speaking to the all-party

Treasury select committee, Mr Clarke said that financial markets would punish unjustified fiscal easing by pushing up the cost of borrowing.

In the latest round of his campaign to play down hopes of large-scale tax cuts, the Chancellor said: "If we are perceived as cutting taxes for political reasons, we would pay a penalty in higher inter-est rates — which would be damaging for a large section of the population.

Hinting that the next move in base rates - from the current 5.75 per cent level — would be downwards, Mr Clarke said lower mortage payments from a 1 percentage point cut in base rates were more valuable to the average family than trimming 1p off the standard tax rate.

"For quite a large proportion of people, interest rates have more impact than in

come tax," he said.
The Chancellor denied using monetary policy as a form of demand management. but admitted there was much further to go before the consumer and housing recovery

Ahead of tomorrow's publi-Anead or tomorrow's publication of the minutes of the May policy meeting with the Bank of England governor. Eddie George — which are expected to show that Mr Clarke cut rates by 0.25 percentage points against the Bank's ade — he warned of the dangers of keeping the cost of drink, helped by borrowing too high.

"I do not believe in setting interest rates any higher than is necessary to hit the inflation target," he said. "Anyone can hit an inflation target by squeezing all the life out of an

economy."
Despite figures published yesterday showing house prices rising at the fastest rate since the late 1980s and a fresh pick-up on Britain's

worrying about over-heating, but in fact we are simply warming up from quite a low temperature," he said. "There is still a long, long way to go.

Estate agents polled by the Royal institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) last month said prices had jumped by more in the three months to June than since October 1988. But Ian Perry, RICS hous-ing market spokesman, said that the reluctance of potential sellers to put their homes up for sale was the reason for the rise in price, as supply

failed to meet demand. "A shortage of housing stock is driving up prices in the short term," he said. "This could put the brakes on the continuing housing market recovery".

The average number of homes on the books of each estate agent was just 124—the lowest figure since spring 1989. However, Mr Perry said sellers should soon begin to react to stronger activity and offer homes for sale — which would stabilise prices and keep the market moving. Stronger demand for hous-

ing is already producing brisk trade for retailers, according to the latest snapshot of the high street by the Brit-ish Retail Consortium. Sales in June were up by 7 per cent on the same month last year compared to May's annual rise of 6.2 per cent — with housing-related spending in furniture and DIY stores par-

ticularly buoyant.

Andrew Higginson, chairman of the consortium's accomman nomics affairs committee said: "Consumer confidence and willingness to spend has cartainly improved and this is reflected in greater optimism among retailers."

Summer clothing sales and an upturn in sales of alcoholic cer, also boosted overall retail sales, the BRC said. The improvement in the

property market is also beginning to trickle down to the construction industry, according to a separate survey by the Building Employers Confederation released yes-terday. Output by UK construction firms grew by 0.8 per cent in the second quarter of 1996, the first rise since the beginning of 1996. "We can at least begin to see some light high street. Mr Clarke insisted that inflationary pressures were muted and played
down expectations of a re-run
of the 1980s boom. "People are

the street, Mr Clarke inbeginning of 1986. "We can at
least begin to see some light
at the end of a very long, dark
tunnel," said Paul Shepherd,
chairman of the BEC.



Crest system of paperless dealing 'no threat to small shareholders'

THE Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, insisted yesterday that Crest, the computerised paperless share settlement system, would not price small shareholders

where he switched on Crest (above), a system costing more than £25 million, Mr Clarke said it would benefit both institutional and small shareholders by reducing their risk and dealing costs.

He said that Crest marked a "new era" for the City, and would help to

London at the "cutting edge" of financial markets. The Chancellor also tried to allay fears that dealing costs would rise for

'Private shareholders have not been forgotten," he said. "Those who wish to

Bowever,

Davies, deputy governor of the Bank of England, who was also at the launch, said: "Some shareholders may have been subsidised [by larger share-dealing misations] in the past,

News in brief

end. But in the long run, the cost of a paperless sys-tem is bound to be lower, and all investors will benefit from that."

Christine Dann, director of operations at the Stock Exchange, said that Crest's benefits would be seen over

Siemens' recovery points way for new-style global capitalism

OUTLOOK/Chief executive Dr Heinrich von Pierer has moved with the times, he tells MARK MILNER in Cernobbio

Pierer has every reason to be a happy man. Nine months into the financial year at Siemens. where he is chief financial officer, the company looks set to redeem his pledge that net income will be up by a fifth this year.

But it is not quite there yet. At the nine-month mark, the at the fine-finding at improvement is running at 18 per cent — close enough to bring that 20 per cent figure within sight, but just far enough away to indicate that the cricical broad areas a suffithe original target was a sufficiently demanding one.

R HEINRICH von | If Siemens is doing well Pierer has every enough, however — net income rose to DM1.55 billion (£696 million) in the nine months to the end of June, while new orders sported a healthy 9 per cent improvement at DM72.8 billion — it is thanks to its performance abroad rather than at home. Corporate Germany has its

not inclined to gloss over them. External investment by German companies is run-ning, he says, at about DM48 billion a year — while foreign investment in Germany is about DM14 billion.

On a rule of thumb basis, the Siemens chief executive reckons that the investment shortfall equates to somewhere between 300,000 and 350,000 new jobs — enough to make a dent in Germany's 4 million-strong dole queue.

Little wonder that Dr von
Pierer is anxious that the Bonn government's strategy for job creation bears, at least some, fruit. The company it-self, however, is an example of Germany's Industrial difficulties. On a like-for-like basis, the group will shed more than 2,000 jobs in Ger-many this year — though that figure is rather less than ear-

lier forecasts of about 9,000.

Keith Harper Transport Editor

Electric.

23 BILLION order for 45

aircraft and options on an additional 45 has

been won by Airbus Indus-

trie, the European plane-mak-

ing consortium, from the air-

craft-leasing arm of General

General Electric Capital Aviation Services will buy 40

jets from the aircraft group's

A320 family of short-haul jets

and five of its long-range A340-300s. It has matching op-

The order is the first from

Gecas, which manages one of

the world's largest commer-

Jean Pierson, managing di-

rector of Airbus Industrie.

which also includes British Aerospace, said: "The deci-

sion by Gecas to invest in our

aircraft for the first time and

in such significant numbers

further consolidates the

strong market appeal of our A:40 new generation products."
For Gecas, the order follows

tions on both planes.

cial aircraft fleets.

has been swallowed up by higher costs in Germany. Between the twin pressures nothing is left over from these [productivity] gains".
Nor does Dr von Pierer be-lieve that his company will get the kind of access it needs to fast-expanding markets in. for example, the Far East or the former Soviet bloc, without investing in those regions themselves. "Exclusive problems and Dr von Pierer is

Airbus secures

£3bn GE order

advantages for national champions belong to the HE balance of power is shifting too. Asia Pa-cific, for example, now represents 38 per cent of the DM3,200 billion global elec-

trical market and the US a further 33 per cent. By contrast, Europe's share of the world market is down to less than a quarter. He believes, however, that

while Siemens must have a significant presence in new markets via local content rather than supplying them from existing manufacturing plants in Europe or the US he is also convinced that "building up local content does not shift work away from our home facilities but actually helps to boost shareholder value, will not be output". output". Nor is it just jobs. Last year | As Siemens, and other sec-

its £2.3 billion ourchase of 10%

jets from Boeing, including 737 short-haul aircraft and

new 777 wide-body twinjets.

Aircraft leasing companies

generally keep a balanced

fleet of airliners from both

Boeing and Airbus, the

world's two biggest passen-

Jim Johnson, president of

Gecas, said the order was

based on an evaluation of the

operational merits of the A320

family and the ultra-long-

range A340, in line with the

predicted market trends

towards the turn of the cen-

tury. "We believe the addition

of these aircraft to the Gecas

portiolio will enable us to in-

crease significantly our

Gecas would not confirm to

whom the planes will be

leased. Deliveries of the short-

haul aircraft on firm order will begin in mid-1997. They

will be delivered at a rate of

between 10 and 15 aircraft a

year over four years. The AMOS on firm order will be

delivered between 1990 and

global market penetration."

ger-jet makers

the group managed to turn in tions of corporate Germany, productivity gains of seek to face the challenges DM5.2 billion but much of posed by "market globalisaseek to face the challenges posed by "market globalise-tion" — flercer competition, that improvement has had to lower international prices, be passed on to customers or technological transfer — they face another challenge. Germany's corporate structure especially the close links between banks and industrial groups, is coming under increasing criticism. As Dr von Pierer admitted yesterday.

companies to realise "shareholder value". Dr von Pierer acknowl edges the validity of some of the criticisms and that finannational markets with home clai markets (traditionally never the main focus of attention for corporate Germany) will impose sanctions on those companies where profit-ability lags behind international benchmarks. Siemens itself has yet to achieve the 15 per cent return on equity which is its own target.

there is growing pressure on

For Dr von Pierer, however, shareholder value does not have to mean "short-term optimisation of results".
"We need a longer-term per spective. It is only healthy

companies which can secure long-term jobs but it is only with motivated staff that you can promise shareholders to increase shareholder value." That might sound like

sense but Dr von Pierer may find that the new generation of Anglo-Saxon style capital-ists, with their emphasis on forerunners.

Pentland resists £65m attempt to muscle in on Speedo brand

Roger Cowe

PENTLAND, the sports and leisure brand manage ment group, is resisting a bid for its 23 per cent stake in Authentic Fitness Corporation, licensee of Pentland's Speedo brand in North America Mexico and the Caribbean.

Pentland said yesterday i would not accept the Warnac offer, which values the hold ing at £65 million. Warnacc announced an intended merger with AFC at the be-ginning of last month and has already increased the terms by 13 per cent.

The UK group acquired the stake in AFC for £9.7 million and it is included in Pentland's balance sheet at £13.3 million. But, based on the AFC's share price, the holding has a value of £56 million. Stephen Rubin, chairman

of Pentland, said: "We have no objection in principle to the acquisition of AFC by Warnaco, although we believe strongly in the long-term val-ues and prospects of AFC."

CBI seeks boost for transport sector

BRITAIN'S declining transport infrastructure needs boosting with £11.25 billion a year over the next decade, the CBI said. yesterday. Adair Turner, its director general, said that private finance could increase to an estimated third of future investment, but this would still leave the public sector responsible for

The £11.25 billion compares with the £8.75 billion average invested each year over the past decade. Nearly half the pro-posed investment, says the CBL should be devoted to mainte nance and renewal of existin Turner said that investment in all transport modes should rise, but that roads' share of investment should fall from 66 per cent to 62 per cent.

Among the CBI's targets are the completion of the west coast main line from London to Glasgow and the national roads programme within 10 years, the opening of Terminal 5 at Heathrow and a second runway at Manchester airport. — Keith

Escom UK wields axe MORE than 180 head office staff of Escom UK were made redun-

dant yesterday after the computer retailer was put into receiver-ship by Barclays Bank late on Friday. The fate of about 800 staff at the company's 168 Rumbelows stores is still in the balance. The job losses follow the decision by the German parent company, Escom AG, to file for bankruptcy after the courtappointed administrator was unable to raise enough new capital to keep it affoat. Under German law a company must file for bankruptcy if it fails to get agreement from a majority of its creditors to a restructuring plan allowing it repay 36 per cent of debts within a set period. — Nicholas Bannister

Scottish Power talks

SCOTTISH Power said last night that it had entered "co-opera-tion" talks with Electrabel, Belgium's largest quoted company, on how to best share technology developments. Scottish Power, which also said that Electrabel had taken a 1.5 per cent stake in it, said the Belgian company would be one of a "number" of overseas utility companies it would be talking to.
Under the agreement, Electrobel will not take a stake of more

than 5 per cent in Scottish Power over the next two years, while Scottish Power — which recently bought Southern Water — may also take a similar stake in the Belgian group over the same period. Announcing the talks, Scottish Power chairman Ian Robinson said the group had held "constructive" talks with Electrabel over the last few months, and said there was "plenty of potential" to work together. — Ian King

Advertisers feel good

GROWING consumer spending is fuelling a bonanza in advertising expenditure, which rose by 4.3 per cent in real terms last year to £10.3 billion, according to the latest influential review from Zenith, the large media-buying company. The growth in advertis-ing for 1995 had been forecast at just 3.4 per cent.

Zenith predicts a 3.2 per cent real growth rate in 1996, followed by two more years of similar expansion, with TV and radio likely

to be the major beneficiaries. Although the UK showed the strongest advertising growth in Europe, it was below the global growth rate of 8.9 per cent which took total expenditure on advertising worldwide to \$180 billion. — Lisa Buckingham.

Mercury quits paging

MERCURY Communications has decided to pull out of the paging business with a view to re-investing in "forward-looking" operations such as Internet or data services. It has agreed to sell its 51 per cent stake in Mercury Paging to a US management team for \$30.6 million. M Tel and Motorola, the minority shareholders, have also agreed to sell their stakes in a deal which values the paging business at £60 million. - Nick Bannister

Costain warning

CONSTRUCTION group Costain has warned that if next Monday's shareholder meeting does not approve its financial restrucday's state group will be plunged into receivership. The refinancing will leave the Malaysian firm Intri with a 40 per cent shareholding, and banks are also likely to end up with a sizeable stake. — Roger Cour

Eurotherm shares leap

SHARES of Eurotherm, the electronics group, jumped 18p to 547p yesterday on reports that it is on the point of reinstating ousted chief executive Claes Hultman. — Ian King

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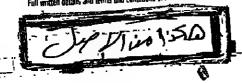
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Motor Racing

Alan Henry on the governing body's moves to liven up races

Formula One cars may get nose job

OMETHING must be done to liven up grand prix racing and produce more closely contested events than Sunday's processional Painty. day's processional British Grand Prix at Silverstone and the sport's governing body is poised to do it by introducing sweeping changes to the technical rules governing the

continues to sustain televi-sion appeal, he acknowledges that the paying spectator has had a poor deal of late.

These problems are clearly cyclical to some ex-tent," said Mosley. "But for the past 18 months we have been working hard to over-come the difficulty faced by one car which is obviously faster than another which it is trying to overtake."

cally illustrated in Sunday's race at Silverstone when Mika Hakkinen's McLaren-Mercedes, which eventually finished third, had considerable difficulty lapping the much slower Sauber-Fords of Heinz-Harald Frentzen and This problem was graphi-cally illustrated in Sunday's able difficulty lapping the much slower Sauber-Fords of Heinz-Harald Frentzen and Johnny Herbert. Hakkinen Much of this development

seconds per lap quicker than the Saubers. The difference in perfor-

the sport's governing body is poised to do it by introducing sweeping changes to the technical rules governing the cars' design.

The Fia president Max Mosley "If one car is perhaps two or three tenths of a second slower than the car behind, then it is legitimate if its driver tries to hang on in front. But, when it is two overtaking and, although imaginative camera work continues to sustain televi-

view and the Fia, in co-opera-tion with all the leading For-mula One engineers, has a de-velopment programme in hand.

"We are considering pro-posed changes to the nerody-namics in order that the tra-ditional technique can be revived whereby a faster driver can get close enough to the car in front coming through a corner so as to have a chance of executing a seri-

ular, tests are being carried out with two models posimance required before one tioned nose to tail to gain a

> of control when it gets too close in a corner. Some leading Formula One

> designers believe that the answer is to legislate for smaller nose wings in con-junction with curved sidepods similar to those em-ployed in IndyCars. The design of some modern F1 circuits is also regarded as a problem as many are insufficiently endowed with quick corners and long straights, el-

> ements widely acknowledged as crucial in producing close Silverstone, in particular, is mindful of this problem and the circuit plans to make changes over the next few sea-sons to address the



Cricket

Presenting a united and democratic Pakistan

David Foot meets the manager who has transformed the much-maligned tourists

over the players' bal-cony. He is surrounded by his team as they applaud with undisguised joy the in-nings of a 19-year-old. "You to receive the call this time, are looking at a very different especially as it was only 10 side — and a very happy one." Beyond the PR pro-ficiency there is an expanse of meaning embodied in his

in, at short notice, to take his | isions, social as well as per-

before, first when he took charge in the mid-Eighties on the tour to Australia and New

with rich talents, is in a delivords. cate state. There is credence Failure in the World Cup to be restored, a friendly face resulted in the team manager, to be rediscovered. And Saeed Intikhab Alam, once the captial is seen as someone strong and tain, a popular man with maybe too gentle a touch, being sent quickly on his transition.

very democratic team. I in- to their temperaments. He has no intention to talk

about any of the dark deeds and alleged duplicity that have gravely damaged Paki-stan's international reputa-tion. "Yesterday is yesterday. We are here to play positive cricket and make friends.
That is exactly what we should be doing. We have so much talent and ability, and it marginal to be a transport days or so before the party left for England. Pskistan cricket, layered it promises to be a tremendous series with England." Saeed is conscious of the fact that the media will be ready to pounce on any indis-cretion. "I'll allow no pres-

Part of my duties on this tour will be to ease young players in. The senior members of the party are helping me a great deal. We have an enviable balance: youth and experience with bat and ball. And there is a genuine determination to sustain morale. I'm so impressed with team spirit so far.

He is not a Test player himself, though he acted as 12th man "on a couple of occasions". What he possesses, apart from a solid sense of man management, is a working knowledge of cricket in this country.

"I can assure you there are one in the team is different. I field, it was arranged for was seen by some as a future no divisions now. We have The art of managing is being made certain rules. Ours is a sable to handle them according few matches for Somerset. — away from cricket — was His debut was against the Australians in 1953; the 18vear-old took two wickets, including that of Lindsay Hassett, and scored 48 at No. 8.

Over the next two seasons here he made another 49 ap-pearances for Somerset. He took the new ball at times and he occasionally opened the batting. Playing against Northamptonshire he hit a six off Tyson — and not too many managed that "Mind you, I didn't see the ball. It came off my wicht the ball. It came off my with the ball are the ball. It came off my wide the ball in the ball are the ball in the ball in the ball are the ball in the ball came off my right thumb and went over the wicketkeeper's

opening up for him at home. He worked for a leading tobacco company for 35 years, ending up as a director. Now he is an executive with another tobacco firm.

His return to senior cricket as Test selector and manager presents him with his blggest

"I shall be influenced by my fond memories of your But he accepted he was just country. When I was here nantly to ensure a happy captain Sarah Illingworth, marking time before univer- first, playing for Somerset, tour. I'm totally satisfied at whose side have never



Young Saced . . . the manager in his Somerset days in the early Fifties

rying and that I falt quite at home here. I know England well, the kind of wickets, the way you play your cricket, the sort of people you are. "Quite apart from winning the series, my aim is predomi-

Kiwis fail to shake English tailenders

THE England ninth-wicket pair of Clare Taylor and Suzie Redfern held out for 27 overs at Guildford yesterday to deny New Zealand victory in the third Test and the

England, set 311 to win in the day, were in deep trouble at 66 for four. But first the Yorkshire captain Sue Metcalfe dug in for a threehour half-century and then Taylor and Redfern defied the New Zealand attack and clusters of close fielders for an unbroken partner-ship of 65.

"They did what they had to do and did it pretty well," said the New Zealand He is well aware of past divisions, social as well as personnel, isions, social as well as personnel, within the Test party.

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Bonanza time for old Ned

Ken Oliver

ED'S BONANZA. a seven-year-old without a win in eight races this season, may not, at first glance, seem the best of horses to make your banker bet at Beverley today, but Michael Dods's old sprinter has plenty going for him. It is this time of the vest that he hits top form and, just as important, he has a plum draw in the five furlong To-

shiba Handicap. Last year Ned's Bonanza had seven unsuccessful runs before coming good in a five furlong sprint at Beverley in July and by the end of the season he was running off a mark of 70 in handicaps -13lb more than this afternoon. His two latest runs, at Car lisle and Ayr, suggests the old boy is ready to do the busi-

ness again. At Ayr last month he ran a fine fourth to Thweab and 10 days ago he had three of today's rivals — Pallium (fourth), Invigilate (fifth) and First Option (seventh) — behind him when he was third to Time To Tango at Carlisle. Ned's Bonanza (4.30)

favours the high numbers, he looks a worthy nap. Coas a worthy nap.

English owners and trainers were yesterday urged to show they had "the bottle" for

a fight by taking up the Mel-bourne Cup challenge in Aus-tralia later this year. Les Benton, general man-Club, threw down the gauntlet as he sought to attract as many as five European runners to the November 5 spectacular. Celeric, Double and Osomental.

Luso are expected to be Eng-land's principal contenders. Ireland's Vintage Crop, bidding to become only the fifth horse to win the race twice, is a near certain starter and he a near certain starter and he could be joined by Oscar Schindler. Last year, when Vintage Crop finished third, Double Trigger was England's

sole runner. Benton expects as many as 15 European entries for the Cup, for which prize money has risen to £1.1 million, by the July 30 deadline.

An extra incentive to the Europeans, who face about 130,000 travelling costs, is a 215,000 prize which will be paid to any horse finishing from sixth to tenth.

Frankie Dettori could be bound for Australia next year. He has been invited to represent the Rest Of The World in a world jockeys'

The reigning champion has been named as part of a team of six that will challenge the top Australian riders in Melbourne in an eight-race series between January 16 and 20.
Dettori has been picked alongside Pat Eddery.
Michael Roberts, Jason

should have the measure of that trio again and, drawn 20 that trio again and, drawn 20 that greatly that greatly Weaver, Olivier Peslier and pub owner who has eight horses with Haydn Jones, was £137,000 richer after the Pontypridd trainer landed a 59-1

double at Ayr yesterday with Osomental (4-1) and King Curan (11-1).
"Twe had horses with Derek for several years - and I'll be ager of the Victoria Racing having a few more after this," said O'Donnell, who backed

Williamson returns to action

Vresumes riding at Killarney tonight. He rides Pat The Hat for John Walsh and has another booked ride there on Wednesday. Last October Williamson broke a leg in a fall at Sed-

ORMAN WILLIAMSON | after his return he took a heavy fall from Eskimo Nel at Newbury and dislocated his right shoulder. Although passed fit for

racing at the end of Febru-ary, he dislocated his shoulder for a second time gefield. He resumed riding on the gallops and unde in February, but two days went an operation. on the gallops and under-

Beverley card with form guide

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2.45 (1 m 27); 1, MONTJOY, T Quint (3-11 fav); 2, Binnett (1-1); 3, Duent Shot (7-1), 6 ran. Nit, 35, (P Cole) Tota: (2-70; 2-10), CSF: (2-70; 2-10), CSF: (2-70; 2-10), CSF: (2-70; 2-10), CSF: (1-5), CSF: (2-70; 2-10), CSF: (1-5), C THESE CSF: ESU IS. ITIN SPACE.

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(evens fev). 6 ran. K. 2. (L. Gumani) Tote: 13.50; \$1.80, \$3.00. Duel F: 223.40, \$3.50; \$21.80, \$3.00. Duel F: 223.40, \$3.74. Business and \$3.00 (67): 1, PRIDE OF HAYLING, N Variey (3-1; 2, Seisser Hidge (100-30); 3, Figitor Separatron (16-1), 11-4 lay Robo variey (3-1); 2, Seisson Richys (10-30); 5, 6, 7, 100-30; 5, 7, 100-30; 18.70. (1sn 4f 146yds): 1, NELLY-S COUSIN, Darre D'Neill (12-1); 2, Guesest-mation (7-2); 3, Te Azero (3-1), 15-8 inv Statejack, 11 ran. 5, 1, (N Callaghan) Total Cis. 60; (2.10, 1.10, 18.50, Dual F: £23.50, CSF: £30.97, 17to; £51.50. CSF: 250 97, Tric. 251.50.
4.30 (1m 4/h; 1, RiktTA*S STAR, Dane O'Neill (3-1); 2, Again Together (7-2); 3, Crimson Rossilin (3-1), 2-1 fav Ljon, 5 ran. 25, hd. (b) Murray Smith Toke; 4.60; £1.60.
£2.00. Dual F: £3.60. CSF: £12.67 NR: Poly CS2.72. QUADPOT: E7.20. PLACEPOT: CD8.10. RACELINE

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Both codes have transformed themselves, both have done television deals with Rupert Murdoch. So what do people think of them so far?

The year that changed everything

league and union insisted they had little or nothing in common. Then the cosy certainties were brushed aside and nothing has been the same since.

Rugby league is now summer sport; union no longer shamateur. Along side these fundamental changes has come vicious infighting that reached its rice Lindsay, the League's chief executive, accused by his Australian counterpart Ken Arthurson of leading his sport towards 'financial disaster' and England's rugby union team was expelled from the

Five Nations tournamer Close to the eye of both storms stands Rupert Murdoch, whose millions have forced the pace of change. "It's no coincidence that it is Sky Television trying to Nations series by isolating England with pay-TV mil-lions," said Arthurson yesterday.

Not everyone agrees but few dispute that change has been divisive. We can vassed a player, an admin-istrator and supporter from each code for their views on the year that changed

Tour de France

Rugby union

RICHARD COCKERILL (Leicester and England A er) "The thought of no being involved in a great tourna-ment like the Five Nations is for those who, like me, have international ambitions but are still awaiting a chance at the very top level. The Five National is a huge event and a huge

from the players.
"A Five Nations without England would be a pretty worthless

incentive for a player, second only to the World Cup. It would

be a terrible thing to take it away

home and away. the Rugby Football Union nego-tiators because Sky put a lot of obviously acted in what they considered were the best interests of the English game.
"If England really do find themselves out in the cold,

everything will depend on what other foctures are put in place. If, say, we were included in the southern-hemisphere champion

adequate compensation,
"The players need a quick solution. We're training hard for

The administrator DAVID TYLER (Bristol) "There ns is covered by an ex

is an awful lot of posturing going on, particularly as the Five BBC contract. How can France have the cheek to side against England when they have been negotiating their own television deal for years? What about the separate deal the Welsh have "England were wrong to oc

behind everyone's back but the principle behind the deal with forget that it was Sky, as the did the sums and came up with

England and Canada, that's fo sure. They must have a contingency plan in place and h were prepared to finance pionship and an alternative Five Nations, drawing on players from the breakaway clubs which, of course, would include the top

"At some point the hulfing and puffing has to end. The on ing Five Nations countries to come to an early agreement. I Rupert Murdoch will not has

DAVID EACHUS (Rick Rugby is going down the road of pay-per-view and that has to be bad news for the vest majority of supporters. All most of us want is to switch on the television and watch a Five Nations international in peace - after all, we can't get tickets because of

likely.
"The Five Nations may not contain the most thrilling rugby in the world but the sense of ever, if England are thrown out of the tournament, there will be nothing left. It will be a pointless European championship

wong to sign their deal without consultation with the other that Sky consider them the big lion's share of the money. "It's symptomatic of the way

the game has changed in 12 short months. The cost of watching rugby is going through the roof, clubs are changing their strips every year in order to make a fast buck and every team are only there for the money. Far from being a major shock, the Sky deal is just another example

Rugby league

The players MIC ORIMOLDBY (chair

ional Players Associa tion) "There have been a number of positives for the players First the move to summe would say was at least partly Murdoch's doing, has gone down quite well. Our players weren't consulted but 70 per switch. Going full-time has also helped a great number and there

"But people exaggerate how much. Only 20 or 30 players got about what the contracts with News Limited incorporate. There has since been a worry about

"There is also massive uncer tainty about the future and very little information coming out about it. It looks like the end-ofseason play-offs, which were to be the highlight of the origina deal, have cone down the drain whether the tour is on or not. Playing Test matches, against Australie with all their best players is the aim for any player, so the game is a lot poorer without them. A players' association could have prevented many of the problems Murdoch's in-volvement has caused here and The administrator

PETER TUNKS (chief exec doubt you would find any adclube over here prepared to criti-cise a deal which has got them a years. But I have to admit the way it has happened and the damage it has done in Australia, and also to international football,

"It's been like a civil war in Australia with lifelong friends turned into fierce enamies. And it's extremely disappointing that the only international game they can get going in Australia is against a part-time village team in Fiji. Hopefully that situation

"I can't see how you can regard the money over here as anything other than a great opportunity. If rugby league is ever going to kick on in the northern hemisphere, It has to do it on this News Limited vehicle. But at the moment the money is being vested, mostly on paying the players more than the game can

lead from the top -- both of the game itself and at each indi-vidual club — to make sure there is some left for future generations of players, not just this one."

PFA may sue

despite new

peace talks

a first-ever strike by

some of England's pro-essional footballers are likely

be resumed tomorrow. . . . With the row over the dis-

nue now threatening to esca-

late into a prolonged war of

words, representatives of the

Football League and the Pro-fessional Footballers' Associ-

ation are thought ready to re-

However, there was no im-

nowever, there was no immediate sign of compromise yesterday. "There is no indication that we need to increase our outlay." Andy Williamson, the League's assistant secretary, said. "If

you check the PFA's accounts

you will find they have an ac-

cumulated surplus of £8 mil-

lion. With the money they

receive from the Premier

League they collected about

23 million per season: many

clubs have turnovers less

Although the League's offi-cials remain hopeful of a settlement, the PFA's line

hardened considerably yes-

terday when it was an-

than that.'

The fans

JOHN SAVAGE (chairt ngby League Supporters n) "The vast majority of fans would say they are in favour of Super League - until you mention Rupert Murdoch. Then the rating drops; he gets such a negati

"My view is that he is hedging his bets with rugby. He's buying into both and seeing what develops. Rugby league fans don't trust his intentions for the game but it's up to the British clubs to get their act together and make sure he doesn't want to mess

rugby, although I wouldn't put that down to Murdoch anyway going to vote for it even b he put his money on the table. But the damage done to interna-tional football is terrible. We originally supposed to happen and some more who have booked for Australia in the autumn only for the tour to be switched to New Zealand. They

have been stuffed well and truly. "Is that a price worth paying? We will have a batter idea after doch does try to force a merge between league and union, we

the full 10 per cent since 1987

because of various reasons,

that by maintaining payment at the previous levels we are

ensuring that the previous

provisions are not being

Gordon Taylor, the PFA's

ue offi

chief executive, who is ex-

cials in Lytham St Anne's

tomorrow, insisted that a strike ballot of his members

compromise was reached.

"Amazingly, at a time when they are getting more money

than ever before they have

he said.

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officer.

nounced they were considering legal action to recoup £1.5 Tranmere's right-back Tony Thomas has joined Totenham on a month's loan.

chosen to say our right to 10 per cent has been removed,"

Middlesbrough may add to

their £11 million summer out-

lay by signing Portugal's

skipper Fernando Couto from

Parma. The £4 million deal

may be financed by off-load-ing Jamie Pollock and Jan

Trevor Francis yesterday

added two former team-mates

to his backroom staff at Bir-mingham. Peter Shilton is goalkeeping coach and Bob

Latchford youth development

France heal TV rift

Robert Armstrong sees the chance of a compromise to solve the crisis

WAS a racing certainty that the "arrogant English and Bolshie Celts" — as a senior Rughy Football Union officer mischievously de-scribed the Five Nations' warring factions - would become deadlocked once BSkyB began to make offers to indi-vidual nations for the sale of

elevision rights Yet no one could have pre-dicted that the satellite company would value English rugby (at £87.5 million) more than four times as highly as the Scottish game (£20 million). lion), not to mention twice as highly as the Welsh (£40

That huge disparity in per ceived worth, valid or not. lies at the heart of the bitter financial dispute within the four home unions that has led to England's exclusion from the Five Nations Championship.

Yesterday the Scottish spokesman Allan Hosie was keen to dwell on his 'point of principle" — that is, the need to maintain collective bargaining among the unions. though it was hard to over-look the fact that France, who make their own television deals, are being treated by the

Celts as a special case. Indeed, the role of France. who have alternately run with the English hares and hunted with the Celtic hounds in recent weeks, has become crucial to the prospect of achieving a workable solution. Some in the RFU believe England's matches against France should be removed entirely from the allfor-one, one-for-all equation and reserved for separate negotiation with Sky. That would allow the RFU to capitalise handsomely on its showcase fixture while maintaining the collective approach demanded by the

Other RFU insiders are attracted to the notion of valuing each championship match in line with the television rating it is likely to command nationwide. England versus France, for example, might be worth £5 million, with Scotland versus Ireland worth rather less, say £2.5 million. If Sky do permit England, who have already signed a binding contract, to go back to the drawing-board along with the other unions, there are other significant portions of English rugby that could conveniently be siphoned off for an independent deal. England's home games against the likes of Italy. Argentina and New Zealand would obvi-ously fall outside the collective ethos, as would their domestic league and cup programme and non-interna-

tional games against overseas touring sides Two years ago an important precedent was set when England were given carte blanche by the other home unions to negotiate a £7 million agreement with Sky for its domestic product that put the RFU firmly at the top of the home unions' earnings league (though still some way behind the French). If professionalism helps to improve the ism helps to improve the quality of league and cup matches, then perhaps Sky could be persuaded to part with, say, £7 million a season, for the clubs this time round. Some RFU movers and shak-

ers think so. England need to make concessions quickly, especially in the diplomatic stakes. It is also time for the Celts to get real regarding the product they have to sell. Their proposed Four Nations tournament would have no competitive value without the nation that recently won three Grand Slams within five years. Like it or not, England remain the side to beat on and

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Podenzana bites on the final day

of the underdog

filliam Fotheringh

NE of the many un-written rules of the Tour de France is that the team with the vellow jersey does not get greedy and stop teams with no interest in in Mende behind Laurent Ja-the overall rankings going for labert. "There was no way I were raised when the Telekom team of Bjarne Riis pre-vented a fellow Dane, Rolf since then they have learned their lesson, and not a stage has gone by without the lesser lights being given their bead and taking their stage

Yesterday the underdogs had their day again. In the Tour, underdog is a relative term: of the six men who fought out the finish two will ride the Olympics — Italy's Michele Bartoli and Australia's Neil Stephens, though the latter fell 2½ miles from the finish when he skidded off the road at a roundabout and ripped the tyre from his back

The day's winner, Massimo Podenzana, has twice been the Italian national cham pion. Another of the breakaways. Boardman's teammate François Lemarchand, is in his 10th Tour. Underdogs they were, but not mere

Of the other two, the Italian Giuseppe Guerini and the Bel-gian Peter Van Petegem, the latter was literally along for the ride. For 100 miles, as his five companions shared the pace at the front, he cruised along in their slipstream, ignoring their requests that he give at least some symbolic

This parasitical behaviour in cycling slang. In this case, the parasite did not kill its victim: Van Petegem's con-duct — politely described as "unsporting" by Lemarchand
— merely made his five com-panions determined that he should not win at any price.

As a result when Podenzana leapt away approaching the finish, his four fellow-workers all looked at the Bel-

wanted to win, now was the time he should work for it. By the time he had made up his mind. Podenzana was set fair for the first Tour stage win of his lengthy career. He came close to winning a stage last year when he finished second Jalabert was too strong and he badly wanted the stage as

it was Bastille Day." The 34-year old never really expected to be here and wept for joy at the finish. Left high and dry when his team went bust in mid-season, he was rescued by Claudio Chiappucci's Carrera-Blue Jeans team. Given that the "devil" is a mere shadow of a few years ago, when he was indurain's principal challenger for the Tour, it was a shrewd move on their part.

For over 15 years the jeans chain has sponsored teams inciuding stars such as Stephen Roche, Chiappucci and Marco Pantani: this year that is set to end and, should their climber Peter Luttemberger fail to deliver in the Pyrenees, Podenzana's win will be a fitting swansong. This is the most important moment of my career," he said. "I was thinking about retirement but maybe I'll go on for ac-

other year."
Today will see the waiting game end. The battle for the yellow jersey is bound to take precedence as the race enters the Pyrenees with a stage finish at the Hautacam ski resort, just south of Lourdes. The climb to the bleak sumeight miles, and was the scene plays of power riding when he destroyed the field there two years ago and effectively won his fourth Tour.

This time Indurain is not in a situation where one long burst on the accelerator can win him the race. Today, tomorrow and on Thursday, Riis's lead of over 415 minutes: "observe and attack, ob serve and attack", is how his manager described their policy yesterday morning.

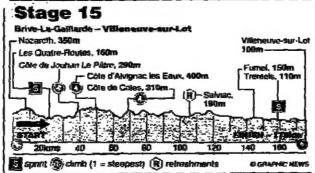


Jeans genie . . . Podenzana enjoys his first ever stage victory

confident "The climb is made for me. I can gain time — minutes or seconds. The form I'm in is the best I have ever known and I reasonably think I can make it." he said. If he is to have any chance of a sixth Tour win, today Indurain must reverse his usual tactic of using attack solely as

Today's stage: Agen-Lourdes Hautacum, 124 miles. William Fotheringham is

features editor of Cycling



Liverpool denial of Poborsky chase clears way for United

MANCHESTER United's lion bid for Poborsky's in-ternational team-mate Pa-karel Poborsky improved trik Berger has been acappreciably yesterday when Liverpool strenuonsly denied making a second bid to lure him to Ansield, writes Ian Ross. The Czech Republic inter-national midfielder is nego-

tiating a £3.5 million transfer between Slavia Prague and Old Trafford. Talks are said to be at an advanced stage and it is now clear that Liverpool will only rekindle their interest if that deal collapses. Liverpool's manager Roy Evans is still waiting to

learn whether his £2.5 mil-

cepted by the German club Borussia Dortmund. Liverpool's pre-season

preparation was disrupted when the Republic of Ireland international midflelder Mark Kennedy was injured in a training session for the second succesve sammer.

Kennedy. a \$2 million

purchase from Millwall 17 months ago, damaged his right Achilles' tendon almost exactly a year after sustaining an identical in-jury to his left Achilles'

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Sport in brief

Basketball

The Orlando Magic are ready to offer Shaquille O'Neal \$115 million (£74 million) over seven years to make him the best-paid player in the NBA. "I just want a fair deal," the

ice Hockey

Nottingham Panthers of the Superleague have signed the Canadian forward Derek Laxdal, 30, who was Humberside Hawks' top scorer last season, writes Vic Batchelder.

Motor Racing

A fifth person died yesterday from injuries suffered when a car in an Inter-Nations Cup rally-cross race in Essay, France, went out of control and flew into the crowd.

The Open Championship

Seve the Spanish lion sustained by his pride

David Davies on whether Lytham can re-ignite the Ballesteros spark

Ballesteros saw the sign yesterday, hanging from the window of a house by the second tee, he knew he was his greatest triumph and back to the place where he has won two of his three Open Championships, Royal Lytham St

The sign was in Spanish, in white letters on a red background, and it read: "Sever-iano, gana por favor" — Seve, win please — and it was hang-ing from the same window of 1988 when he arguably reached his peak.

His last round then, of 65, has been called the best round of his brilliant career, bringing him, as it did, from two strokes behind Nick Price to a win by the same margin. "I knew I had done something special in that round," says Ballesteros. "It is not often, maybe once or twice in a lifetime, that you

can play that well."
At the time he was even more emphatic. "You may only play that well once in 25 vears," he said and yesterday, in an emotional interview, he agreed with his own assess-ment. "Since 1988 I have not had 25 years," he smiled, "but since that time I have not pro-duced anything like that." Sadly it is unlikely that he

ever will. He is now 39 and his game is in tatters. It is not so much the physical fact of missing fairways — when he won at Lytham in 1979 he hit only eight fairways all week resilience that are needed to cope with such golf are al-

It requires tremendous yourself to play as wildly as he has done over the years, knowing that, wherever you finish up, you will not only get out of it but very likely

But it is a mixture of that | the left. As I was checking the self-belief combined with All his life he has felt driven to produce the best possible performance, which has meant that in hundreds of

ing to win.
It has also meant that in an era of appearance money he has been acutely conscious of the fact that the promoter is depending on him at least to make it to the weekend. As a consequence he has tried harder than any man alive to make the cut and spectators around the world have mar-velled at the times he has birdied three out of the last four holes, say, to survive.

"If I had my time in golf again," he once said, "I would do it very differently," meaning that he would spend less of

'I was famous because of one birdie. It took me nine years to get away from that thing

himself on ordinary events, in order to conserve his reserves for the major championships. It is a little too late for that now although, if there is one place, apart from St Andrews, that might ignite the spark again, it is Lytham. "I can remember most of the shots on the last few holes in both 1979 and 1968," he said yesterday. That is little wonder, for one of them in particular

'made me famous Infamous might be a better word, for it was the Car Park Shot at the 16th, a stroke that staggered the world in 1979 and gave him a totally unde-served label as a lucky champion. A boyish, almost ragamuffin-like Ballesteros, mop of black hair flying, had hit a wild slice off the tee and the ball came to rest in an area where cars were parked.

Spaniard has often been said yesterday. "The cars quoted as saying that to be should not have been there. It quoted as saying that to be should not have been there. It buried in the bushes means was an overflow. In any case I at Lytham. "You know." he only that he will get an eagle, wanted to be on the right be

yardage to the green Baldomero, my brother, told me had a two-stroke lead because Ben Crenshaw had taken six at the 17th, so I could play cautiously. So I hit my ball to trivial pre-tournament pro-ams he has actually been try-got a bonus when I holed a 20foot putt for a birdie."

But an envious Hale Irwin ters the Ballesteros idea of accuracy, spread the idea of haunted him all his days. "I became famous because of that birdie," said Ballesteros yesterday. "It took me nine years to get away from that thing, and that was when I made a birdie at the 16th from the fairway in 1988."

That relatively boring hirdle — a drive and nine-iron to 10 inches — gave him a one-stroke lead over Price, a ead he was to hold through to the final green, where be hit one of the greatest shots of one of the greatest rounds of hampionship golf,

The Spanlard had missed the green on the left with his second shot and was lying in short, fluffy grass, needing a clean contact to carry a little swale and run down to the pin. Such a shot was technically easy for an accom-plished player but, given that it came at the end of a round in which he had fought Price with a rare intensity, a round of near-perfection, it needed to be a perfect shot if only for the sake of symmetry. "I have watched that shot

over and over on video," said Ballesteros yesterday, "and one of these days it is going to go in." In 1988 it stopped on the lip, to the most enormous of roars, and Price, who had played a great round of championship golf, knew that he had to hole from about 20 feet for a play-off. He had no option but to go for it, hit the putt five feet past and missed the inconsequential one back. Ballesteros, a man of super-stition, was dressed as he had

sweater and trousers, with a white shirt. If he is in contention anywhere, that is what he wears on the Sunday, and It is to be hoped that he is

OLYMPIC GAMES

From nightmare to dream ILBERT Tuha-bonye always trovertibly grotesque inju-loved to run. As a ries, churlish even to try. Sufchild he ran barefoot for miles around the Burundi village where he grew up. As a teen-ager he toured the country competing in cross-country races. On the night of October

another reason. He ran because his body was on fire. The 21-year-old middle-distance runner has not yet made any impact on the international athletics scene and may not even compete at the Olympic Games next week. But Tuhabonye's may already be one of the most extraordi nary sports stories of the

21, 1993, however, he ran for

That story is etched forever that climbs his right leg then spreads out across his back like the embossed lettering on

a glossy book cover.
Tuhabonye says the scars
are the result of appalling mob of Hutus rounded up Tutsi students at his high school, locked them in a room, doused them with netrol and set them on fire. There were 250 students in the room, he says. He was the

sole survivor.
It is impossible to verify the details of Tuhabonye's ac-count of the incident and per-



ian Katz continues his series with the remarkable story of

the Tutsi runner Gilbert Tuhabonye who made it to Georgia

capital Bujumbura, where he as he tumbled through it but was treated for third-degree burns over much of his body. another man told him not to He spent three months in the So Tuhabonye ran. "I tried hospital, often sleeping on the floor when the beds were alloto run fast. I ran one kilocated to more grievously was very tired. I tried to breathe and, when I did this, I wounded victims of the fero cious war between the Hutus

and the Tutsis. "I was dreaming about my sport all the time I was in the hospital. One day I tried to move and my leg hurts very bad," he says, pointing to the ridge of scar tissue running up his right leg. Before what he refers to as his hopes of escaping his warravaged country — appeared to have been buried. Then in April Jim Minni-han, the director of a Georgia-

based programme that trains promising Third World athletes, heard of Tuhabonye's story through the veteran Bu-rundian middle-distance run-ner Dieudonne Kwizera. "I said, if you can get this guy an air ticket, I'll get him out," says Minnihan.

"the accident" Tuhabonya

had been offered a sporting

now his athletic career — and

A few weeks later Tuha bonye was training in the sa-lubrious suroundings of La Grange's private methodist college along with three other Burundian runners and athletes on scholarships funded by the International Olympic Committee and the La Grange Sports Authority,

a local charity.

A native Swahili and French speaker, Tuhabonya embarked on a crash course in English and plans to study computer science and busi ness administration at the

Every morning he and the other African athletes follow the Somalian track star Abdi Bile on a long run through the verdant Georgia countrybellum town. "Normally when someone gets an accident they stop running," he beams through slightly crooked teeth, "but me, I'm not the same. I have determination.

Tuhabonye's performan have improved steadily since he began training in the to post an Olympic qualifying time for either of his two 1500m. His hopes of compet ing in Atlanta lay with the ternational Olympic Commit-

ee to each country. looked slim. Burundi, competing for the first time in an Olympics, has just one wild-card slot which it has allohan plans to petition the IOC president Juan Antonio Sa maranch for a special dispen-

compete.
Tuhabonye insists he will not be too disappointed if his only experience of the 1996 Olympics proves to be the leg of the torch relay he ran de lightedly last month. "If I miss this Olympic Games, the next Olympic games I will be the star. If 249 persons die and only one survives, I realise that God has something for me. When I rum, I say 'God

Injury-hit Watson gives St Annes cold shoulder

Championship Thursday, writes David

Watson, who has won the title five times, four times in Scotland and once at Royal Birkdale, has problems with a rotator cuff in his shoulder, the injury that saw a premature end to the career of Jerry Pate after the American had

won the US Open in 1976. His caddie Bruce Ed-wards said: "Ageing is a brutal thing. But it must have been painful for him to even consider pulling out. It's such a shame, just when he's got his putting sorted out." Watson, who had been suffering from the yips, won the Memorial tournament at the end of May, his first victory on the

TOM WATSON will not be playing in the Open Ricky Willison achieved said: "You can't relax — I Championship on the 14th hole-in-one of his couldn't even have a drink career on his way to qualifying for the Open. The Londoner sank a two-iron at the 226-yard 10th as he produced eight birdies for a course record 65 and a 14-under-par total of 134. 'I

was saying, 'Please get on the green' and then it disap-peared," he said. Jack Nicklaus will not be joined by his son Gary in Thursday's line-up. The Golden Bear, three times Open champion, was in the crowd at St Annes Old but his offspring failed to qual-ify for the fifth time in a

Surrey's Richard Boxall was out on his own at the course after shooting a 65 for the second day running. With only 13 players quali-fying at St Annes and 12 at

moves across European bor-ders, the French club may not

have to pay much of a fee, if

McGahan conceded that

Leeds' parlous financial state

meant that the only way he

can recruit new blood was to

Speaking after his meeting with Bell, McGahan added:

We are both very concerned

that after a considerable

amount of hard work we

should be in this lowly

"Nobody is more aware

than Dean or I that the lack of

experienced players in key

positions is causing us con-

remains unclear and we are

still waiting to hear whether

the League are able to insist

• The Oldham hooker John

Clarke, who has played in all

the Bears' 16 Super League

games, could miss the rest of the season after breaking a

thumb in Sunday's defeat by

on a transfer fee for us."

siderable difficulty.

"Harmon's

sell from the existing staff.

anything at all.

Ross Drummond refuse to let go of the top spot at Southport and Ainsdale, adding a 68 to his first-round 63. Among those who did not make it was the 1987 Open runner-up

Tim Herron, who won the Honda Classic in March, carded rounds of 71 and 69 at Formby to give him joint first place with Northern Ireland's David Feberty. On the same course Warwickshire's Steve Webster, the leading amateur in last

year's Open, crashed out with two 74s. The man he heat at St Andrews, Scotland's Gordon Sherry, continued a miserable start to his professional career

hospital in the Burundian side around this elegant ante- likes me'." Smith pushing for the power of Perkins

Peter Nichols in Tallahassee on the Scot's | outpowered America's de- | has built up the miles. Con- | in Sheffield this spring, as fending champion John | centrated four-week spells of | well as the British 800m rechances in the 1500 metres freestyle

distance swimming; Kieren Perkins. The Australian holds every title going: Olympic, world and Commonwealth He is so good he not only breaks world records but breaks records on swimmer has got within 10 seconds of his 1500m freestyle world record of 14min 41.56sec. For four years the talk has been all Perkins.

The talk is still of Perkins but the story has changed. In March, at Australia's Olympic trials, the myth exploded. Perkins, the world champion and world record holder at 400m, falled to make the team at that event and only scraped a place in the 1500m, finishing second to Daniel Kowalski

Iong jump champion Heike Drechsler has

pulled out of the Games

after failing to recover

"It's not my style to go

fully from torn knee

into something if I can't give my all," said the for-

mer East German. "I just

have to accept that sport is made up of disappoint-

NE name resounds in | coach, blamed the problem on a lack of iron in his diet. There had to be a reason. But no myth is ever quite reconstructed and suddenly the closed shop is an open one. And that is where Graeme Smith comes in.

Survivor, a hero to Tutsis and

a demon possessed of super

Tuhabonye says he survived by hiding underneath a pile of his burning class

mates. When the bodies above him burned through, he

pushed them aside and found

others to shield himself from the full heat of the blaze. "In

my mind I'm thinking, I'm

not dying. I'm thinking some one could help me, someone

After around eight hours, Tuhabonye says, he managed

to use bones from one of the

bodies to break open a win-

give chase: "He say, 'He is fin-

metre and stopped because I

Tuhabonye lay down in a grassy patch to try to put out the fire and that is where a

patrol of Burundian govern-ment soldiers found him sev-

The soldiers took him to

realised I was burning."

eral hours later.

could save me.

natural powers to Hutus.

Scottish swimmers do not have a bad Olympic record; Bobby McGregor had won 100m silver (1964) and, post-Wilkie, Neil Cochran won 200 medley bronze (1984). Smith could be next. Falkirk born Stockport bred, the lollopy six-footer eased his way into Olympic reckoning last summer in Vienna: second in the European Championships, just a stretch behind the Ger-

Henckman in the 200m breaststroke and shattered the world record.

Smith is still so raw an apprentice that any Olympic expectations must be tempered. I want to be the first Briton to swim under 15 minutes." is his ambition. But David Calleja, who has nurtured the Scot for nine years, is cau-tious: "Perkins has changed the face of 1500m swimming. He has made it a power

Caution is warranted Smith can remember the last time he swam against the Australian. "It was in the Commonwealth Games at Victoria and I was a full length behind. He was pass-ing me going one way. I was going the other." Smith finished in 15.13, a personal best.

place in the 1500m, finishing econd to Daniel Kowalski over 30 seconds slower than his best time.

John Carew, Perkins's man Jörg Hoffmann.

Smith was born the year wilkie won Britain's sole gold medal (as well as a silver) at Montreal, when the Scot Throughout the winter Smith

intensive training have seen the 20-year-old reach 85-90km ek, all done in 50m lengths.

America preaches an even more excessive gospel, many of its swimmers hitting the 100km jackpot. But distance has not been commensurate with results; the Australians. they say, never go over 75km. Smith, on a year out from an accounting degree at Manchester University, learnt the from a young age. His mother and father operated a 5am shift to get him to the pool before school. "Mum still gets up at 5am to make me some breakfast but now she goes

back to bed," he says. "I think she's trying to get her life back again." The treadmill years have already born fruit: Common-wealth and European medals and a British record of

Perkins fashion. When he won silver in Vienna Smith had just recovered from glandular fever and a bad 'flu virus. That makes Smith and Calleja hope, with the uninterrupted build-up they have enjoyed this year.

Smith is composed enough to make the right philosophical noises - "It might be my only Olympics, I want to enjoy it" — but commercially aware to know that whatever happens in the pool next week will shape his finances for the next four years.
That hardens the competi-

tive edge. On Friday next week, when Smith's Games really begin (the heats are on Thursday, final Friday), he will sit poolside, switch on his and cut out everything 15.03.43 at the Olympic trials | most important race.

Rugby League

Leeds crisis deepens as top props eye no-fee moves

John Huxley

BAD financial news followed hard on the heels of a bad football result at Leeds as the relegation-threatened club called what could fairly be described as a crisis meet-

ing yesterday.
With Sunday's 34-31
reverse at Sheffield leaving Leeds third from bottom and well adrift of the bunch, Headingley gloom deepened when the team manager Hugh McGahan and coach Dean Bell revealed that their two first-choice prop forwards. the club captain Neil Harmon and Harvey Howard, were moving overseas and unlikely to yield much transfer

compensation. Howard is set to join the Australian side Western Suburbs which means, given the festering ARL-Murdoch ructions, that there is little chance of Leeds collecting a fee. Harmon's contract expired on June 30 and he has been offered a short-term deal by Paris St Germain; after the Castleford.

Tennis

Court No. 1 may host Davis Cup

WIMBLEDON'S No. 1 court, due to be demoiished to make way for a new players' and media centre may be granted a brief reprieve if the LTA agrees to stage Britain's Davies Cup tie with Egypt in September at

the All E gland Chib. The chief executive Chris Gorringe said yesterday: "We would need a formal request from the LTA. We don't know when the buildozers will be moving in but I can't see that as a proble

Britain must beat Egypt in the Group Two tie to gain promotion to Group One and the captain David Lloyd is keen to stage the match at the All England Club rather than East-bourne's Devonshire Park. Tim Henman, who led Brit-

ain's 5-0 victory over Ghana in Accra last weekend, yesterday moved up one place to 38 in the ATP world rankings his highest position. • The television comments

December 1992 aged 84, has

been inducted into the Inter-

national Tennis Hall of Fame.

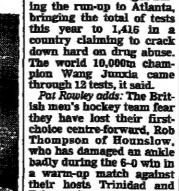
ments as well as succe The International Ama teur Athletic Federation is set to bar the Italian high immer Antonella Bevilacqua from the Games. Ranked among the world's top six jumpers, she twice tested positive for the stimulant ephedrine in tor Dan Maskell, who died in

ERMANY's Olympic | claimed she took the drug | by mistake in an over-the-counter Chinese herbal medicine. But the IAAF wants to suspend Bevi-



May but was cleared by the Italian federation after she | Drechsler . . . no jump

China's national news gency said that 421 competitors had been drugtested in one fortnight dur-



Tobago. Jason Lee of Old Loughtonians has been put on stand-by.

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Sports Guardian

Carling hints at player rebellion

Robert Armstrong on the bullish reaction of England's former captain to his side's exclusion from the Five Nations tournament

promise solution to the self-destructive dispute with the three other home unions over the sale of television rights for the Five Nations Championship.

Yesterday the former Eng-land captain Will Carling said English rugby union could not survive without the tour-nament and warned that the players would not stand by and accept exclusion. Carling, who has still not been replaced as captain, ben-

efited from player-power 14 months ago after being sacked for his "old farts" remark about the men at Twickenham. Senior England players said they would refuse to accept the centainsy. fuse to accept the captaincy and Carling was reinstated. Yesterday he said that, without the Five Nations,

players would feel "tremen-dous frustration . . . playing international rugby is the pinnacle. If that is taken away from you and placed in doubt, you're going to get very, very unhappy players who I don't think will just sit and accept the situation." He agreed that money from

television played a significant part in financing the professional game, then added:
"But, if the television isn't right, then the sponsorship doesn't come. If rugby, I'm afraid, puts itself on Sky, it cuts down its audience

NGLAND may soon this is a professional game, they have to move quickly. Maybe they're paying the price for not planning and not

preparing for a number of years the move towards a pro-fessional game. It was always inevitable. Maybe they lis-tened for too long to people who said that rugby union wouldn't go professional. Un-fortunately, now it seems to

'You're going to get unhappy players who I don't think will accept the situation'

be chaos. They need a lead." been offered a glimmer of hope. The French Federation president Bernard Lapasset said next season's visit to England would go ahead and Scotland also welcomed England's request for urgent

"There will continue to be one match a year between France and England," said Lapasset. "It is very impor-tant that the best two rugby nations in Europe keep playing each other on an annual

basis.
"This [the exclusion] is the

still think England will recon sider and there will be a

ardson, the new Rugby Foot-ball Union president, hinted that Twickenham was prepared to compromise. He said: "We are committed to and value highly the Five Nations Championship. The RFU's principal aim is to ensure the future well-being of English rugby and we believe this includes being part of the family of nations. We are prepared to meet with the other nations and consider ideas consistent with that aim."

Alian Hosie, one of two Scottish Rugby Union repre-sentatives on the Five Nations Committee, said that, if England were to reconsider, they would have to do it quickly.

"If the RFU is to change its

stance, it must indicate that change of stance at the earli-est opportunity. Given the complexity of the task to organise, we are beyond the 11th hour and hence the necessity of our early announcement on ngland's exclusion. "But let me emphasise that

from the championship and Scotland and the other home France, are now going ahead with plans for an alternative championship England." After striking their £87.5

million five-year deal with Twickenham, Sky offered Wales £40 million, Scotland £30 million and Ireland £18 million. Wales, Scotland and Ireland

insist on equality from the television money, given that England are entitled to a big ultimate bluff by the Five bonus from their domestic y showpieces and extra

A DRIVE DOWN MEMORY LANE



tion, they've got to realise is still open but only just, I | Twickenham internationals. | Spanish practice . . . Ballesteros back at Lytham, where he won in 1979 and 1988

HE Open champion clubs. The 38-year-old Ger-John Daly arrived at Royal Lytham yester-in typically confident them on the plane at Mu-nich. It's a shame, it's a

Harry Vardon's record of six titles. He withdrew with a shoulder injury.

A day when Formula One lost the plot



Copperfield," the world champion said in answer to a quesreporters crowding round him in the Silverstone paddock on Sunday afternoon, anxious to know what had gone wrong with his Ferrari team. "I cannot foretell what the results of our analysis will be

David Copperfield? It was hard not to be impressed. Schumacher is a highly intelligent man, with a growing command of English, but few people would have marked im down as a student of Eng-

land's greatest novelist. And what on earth did he mean, exactly? What was there to be found in David Copperfield that could be related to his own plight? Or did he mean Great Expectations, perhaps? Oliver Twist,

Three or four hours later, as the sun set on the Silverstone traffic iam, the penny dropped. Not David Copper field as in Charles Dickens. Oh no. David Copperfield as in Claudia Schiffer. As in the showbiz illusionist and his bimbo girlfriend. That's more like it. Or at least it was more like Formula One on Sunday, and a British Grand Prix that seemed more like a showbiz illusion than the pinnacle of a great sport.

Nothing can detract from Jacques Villeneuve's victory, chequered flag. Of course that didn't stop the Benetton team, who finished a distant second and then tried hard with their post-race protest over a piece of equipment which has been on the Williams-Renault FW18 since it made its debut in Melbourne last March.

These are clever chaps Nothing escapes their attention. They notice a millimetre's difference either way in a hidden grommet. So did it Benetton four months and 10 races to spot something like that in plain sight?

There were dark mutter-ings in the paddock that Benetton had been alerted to the supposed infringement — put

up to it, in other words - by

the engineers at Ferrari, The fruitless protest, which wasted a lot of people's time. was the final play in a day that, one way and another, unat, one way and anomer, summarised pretty much all of grand prix racing's current defects. Here's what happens. You

queue for hours to get into Silverstone, having paid a for-tune for the privilege, and then you queue for hours to get out. In the meantime your hero, who hopes to win his first world championship title this season, messes up his getaway from the grid and then crashes because someone hasn't tightened up a wheelnut.

Your sentimental favour-ites at Ferrari, a team who have been in the game for longer than anyone, and who won the very first British
Grand Prix 46 years ago and
now operate with a virtually
unlimited annual budget, prove for the third time in three races that they no longer know how to get either of their cars past the first half-dozen

And as for racing . . . well, after the first corner, you could have been forgiven for thinking that overtaking had been banned. Which, given the technical regulations and what they do to the cars, it more or less has, de facto.

LVERSTONE, which once had an average speed of almost 150mph for Formula One cars, has been redesigned over the years to include as many as possible of those 75mph second-gear corners which allow television view ers to read the advertising hoardings without too much eye-strain. What they do to the actual racing is summed up in the attitude of the people who go to Silverstone to race historic cars. Appalled by the latest configuration, and what it did to their fun, they per-suaded the circuit owners to realign the corners wheneve they have one of their highly enjoyable meetings.

Gerhard Berger, who came second in the grand prix, was typically honest when he was asked afterwards to sum up the nature of Sunday's race. "To overtake with a Formula One car these days is nearly impossible," he said. "There's too much risk involved."

Don't get me wrong. I love grand prix racing, for all its faults. But I don't expect all the 100,000 people who turned up on Sunday to love it as much as I do. And I don't expect them all to be back next year, which is something that Formula One needs to think hard about.

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Phone lines are open 8am-8pm Monday-Friday (excluding Bank Hobdaya) and 10am-2pm Saturday, Cells may be recorded and monitored. Vaneese is a fictions pharecter, but har story is based on a real Midland Bank customer, issued by Midland Bank pic.

Meet Vanessa. Vanessa's just insured the contents of her home for £10.20 a month.

Champion keeps an Open mind

Royal Lytham yester-day in typically confident mood for a repeat victory when the championship be-gins on Thursday. The Wild Thing took his first look at the 18th hole and described it as having "more bunkers

than I have ex-wives". Bernhard Langer also flew in, but minus his David Davies, page 15

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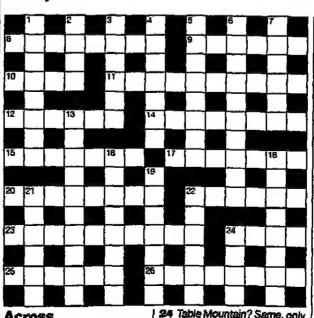
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One golden great who will be missing is Tom Watson, who was hoping to equal

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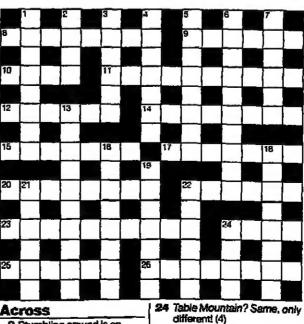
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